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blend **brain**power with **horse**power

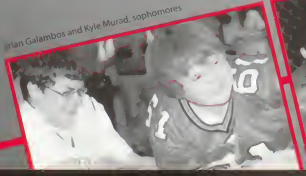
Brian Fultman and Dave Ferrell, juniors

Aava Khatiwada and Paige Patterson, seniors

Gigi Chioros and Erin McCarthy, sophomores

Marcin Kuzma and Mike Adams, seniors

Taylor Compton, senior



Brian Galambos and Kyle Murad, sophomores

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y Kunz, junior Zach Langbehn, senior

sound the tune Flute in hand Ashley Martin, sophomore, plays with the band at the Homecoming pep rally. "I liked the flute because it was one of the easiest instruments and you didn't transpose," Ashley said. "Anyone could pick up on it."

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yes we can

Nose plugged Joining the class group, Alisa Bochnowski, junior, participates in a psychology experiment. **Ugly Sweater Day** As part of the line-up, Zach Langbehn, senior, persuades the class that he is wearing the ugliest sweater for Mr. Morgan Nolan's contest. **Flag in hand** Despite the August heat, Katelin Lewandowski, senior, practices for Color Guard during band camp. "I liked all the people there," Katelin said. "We all got along pretty well."

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Students race against flood waters to form

line of duty

Not even a month after a tornado ripped through the northern part of town, the Little Calumet River overpoweringly started to rise. What started as seemingly harmless September rain resulted in an unexpected aftermath.

As more than seven inches of rain fell after three days of constant downpour, the river spilled over its banks and crept South from Jackson Street on the west to the Northcote Ave. bridge on the east, flooding Hammond Clinic and the Target Shopping Center in between. More than 2,000 homes suffered damage, about 15 percent of the town. School closed for four days and postponed state-mandated ISTEPS as the high school turned into the town's evacuation center. Munster felt the power of nature.

While the soggy weather should have dampened spirits, students rose to the challenge that Mother Nature presented. Suddenly, 1,661 teens were no longer rich, spoiled, self-centered students. Everything that had once stereotyped us washed away. Teens went from "me" to "we" as they worked side-by-side National Guard members sandbagging the river banks and properties to slow the river's devastation.

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team effort Helping to protect sophomore Katie Taylor's house, Sarah Clusserath, sophomore, tosses sandbags around the White Oak Ave. property. "I felt better about myself knowing that I helped," Sarah said. "It felt kind of good."

baby it's cold outside Standing in line at Turnabout, Matt Pukoszek, senior, and date Katie Palmer, junior, sign themselves in. "It was incredibly cold that night," Matt said. "I bundled up the best I could without looking too bulky." Matt decided wearing his Letterman's jacket would keep him warm at the February dance.

bring it in Moments before the game, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team gathers to say the team chant. "It united the team and pumped up our energy," captain Leah Brousalis, senior, said.

power up

Working out in the weight room, Brooks Platt, sophomore, spots Evan McShane, sophomore, while lifting weights. **Magnifying the image,** freshmen Kayla Keith and Rina Raiker take turns observing the slides in biology. **Volunteering** at Snow Flurry, juniors Colleen Boyle and Jessica Goodrich enjoy the day at Wilbur Wright Middle School. **After school** Neil Kondumori and Yena Choi, juniors, practice a Public Forum debate. "We always supported each other and tried to do our best," Yena said. "We worked well together."

But as the flood waters started to recede, the feeling of togetherness only increased. The political spirit surrounding the national election resonated throughout the halls as Student Government conducted our own mock election. As Senators Barack Obama and John McCain battled it out, our mock election results echoed reality with Senator Obama winning 809 to Senator McCain's 333 votes.

As jackhammers and bulldozers rattled the walls, students and teachers bonded together to overcome the distractions as construction began on seven classrooms by the South courtyard and plans for a new pool, outside track and football facilities, and 11 more classrooms took shape on the drawing tables.

Lacking the single star and proving that "team" play makes the difference, the Boys' Basketball Team powered through Sectionals for the first time in nine years to win Regionals and advance to Semistate for the first time in school history. Not to be outdone, boys' and girls' cross country, tennis and swimming teams moved to Semistate and beyond.

This surge of "we" accomplishment not only showed itself during sports, but in the classroom as well. Groups spent hours acting out scenes for the Spanish III La Catrina video and got together with partners to create sturdy egg drop contraptions for earth space or to study for Mr. David Russell's grammar tests.

Long after the flood waters dried up, we continued to give back to the community. We came together to donate more than 800 toys for the football team-sponsored Mustang Toy Roundup and over $3,500 for Project X's Pennies for Patients for Leukemia and Lymphoma research.

Leaving individual needs behind, "we" power continued to grow as the pushed-back June 10 final school day loomed closer. Whether dancing under the spotlight at prom, panicking over the new End of Course Assessments graduation requirements, or volunteering at the soup kitchen for community service, 1,661 teens rose to the POWER.

keeping focused

Working on a physics lab, Michael Castleton and Emily Chen, juniors, review their results. "The equation for friction is F=UN and I remembered that because you couldn't have fun without friction," Michael said. **At Snow Flurry** Britney Breger, senior, signs the back an elementary student's t-shirt. **On Fat Tuesday,** French Club president Kevin Nossem, senior, along with Paige Patterson, senior, and Ashley Martin, sophomore, wait in line for a piece of cake at the Mardi Gras party. **Listening to the footsteps** of his opponents, Steve Farrell, freshman, keeps a steady pace at the Munster vs. Highland meet.

in it to win it

Winning the first Regional championship in school history, captain Krste Ruiz and Matt Gasky, seniors, celebrate the victory. "'Red, Red, Red' was what EC fans chanted when they beat Lake Central and West Side," Krste said. "We took their chant." The team advanced to Semistate where they lost to Fort Wayne Snider, 60-63.

see stars

With precision Kaitlyn Flores and Molly Sliwa, seniors, dissect a starfish in Zoology. "It was kind of gross," Molly said. "You didn't think about what was inside, but then once you saw it, it was weird." In addition to the starfish, the class dissected fetal pigs, frogs, fish and grasshoppers.

march to the beat

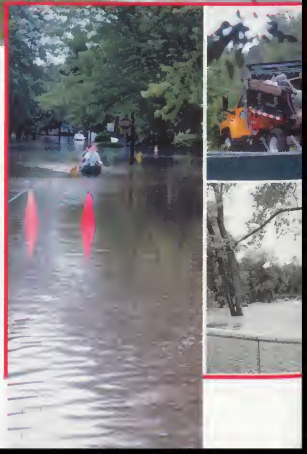
While in Marching Band last summer, Rachel Collas, junior, and Jenna White, freshman, practice outside near the Munster Pool. "In Marching Band everybody knew each kid because we spent hours together," Rachel said. During Band Camp, the students spent seven hours a day practicing with only 10-minute breaks every hour.

hope floats

"It was so sad to see families who lost everything, but [the flood] brought a sense of strength to the community."
Lainey Williams, junior

More than nine inches of rain brought floods across our town starting Saturday, Sept. 13. Munster had a mandatory evacuation order for 448 houses on Sunday morning, but almost another 700 homes fell in the "suggested evacuation" zone. At its worst, the Little Calumet River's depth reached almost 18 feet on Monday morning. Any depth over 12 feet has potential to flood.

Students spent time working at the evacuation center and donating clothes, food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and other necessities the flood victims lost. Rival schools Highland and Lake Central sponsored fundraisers for flood victims and donated dresses and suits for the Student Government Homecoming Dress Boutique to help students who lost their homecoming dance attire. Community fundraiser Pack the Park and Student Government sponsored Hoops for Hope, the student versus faculty basketball game, both raised money to help the flood victims. This "we" power continued to rise even as the waters disappeared.



muddy waters

Sandbags piled up, seniors Mitch Pugh and Nick Nowaczyk take a short break in between placing sandbags around the river banks. **Shovel in hand,** Zach Wallar, senior, helps fill sandbags with seniors Jessica DeBoer and Max Peck at the fire department. **Mud splashing out,** sophomores Erica Keeler, Sarah Clusserath and Katie Taylor help put down sandbags along the property. **Working at the fire department,** Taylor Lee, senior, ties the sandbags. "I just wanted to make sure everyone was still there for each other during hard times," Taylor said. "My friend Erin Whiting's house was completely under water. I wanted to make sure I helped her, too."

soaked sagas

"Honestly, my parents took this a lot harder than I did because I knew nothing and no one important got hurt," **Josh Roman, freshman,** said. "It was only stuff."

"Our garage started flooding Sunday night around 8 p.m.," **Evan Sylvester, sophomore**, said. "We had sandbags holding back the water, but when two National Guard trucks came, the tide made the water flow over and that was when it all started coming in. It sounded like a water fall."

"My house was for sale and we closed Thursday," **April Pranske, junior**, said. "My dad moved all our stuff out Friday, the day before the flooding. All of our stuff was fine but I felt bad for the people who moved in because the house was ruined."

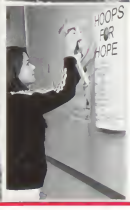
"I was running late for a meeting at Family Christian Center and I tried to pull the box truck under the awning, but I ended up tearing a hole in the roof and the truck went four feet in the air. Some damage was done to the truck," **Mr. Michael Wells, assistant principal**, said.

disaster zone

Arriving by helicopter, Governor Mitch Daniels views the flood firsthand. **Surrounded by the media** Governor Daniels declares Lake and Porter Counties State disaster areas.

waterlogged

Rowing down the street, a resident uses a boat to get around town. **With team work,** volunteers haul sandbags off a truck. **Water levels up,** the levees bordering Wicker Park contain the flood waters. **Waist high in water,** juniors Lindsey Kitchell and Katie Palmer help other residents with the flooding and damage. "We felt like we were really small in comparison to everything going on around us," Katie said, "but we thought we would try to help."



making cents

Balloons in hand, Mike Siano, junior, helps with the Pack the Park flood fundraiser at Centennial Park. **Advertising Hoops** for Hope, Vanessa Cordova, senior, hangs posters for the Student Government sponsored student vs. faculty basketball game to benefit flood relief. **With face paint,** Shalini Kumar, freshman, volunteers at the park. "I tried to get involved," Shalini said. "I volunteered to help make the kids happy."

blend brain power with horse

Forced to use their **brainpower,** students stayed up until the wee hours of the morning, whether studying for a big test the next day or attempting to finish a last minute assignment. On top of this, **horsepower** drove them to make puppy chow or brownies for their club fund raiser and lift weights or swim 500 laps for their team practice. Forced to combine horsepower and brainpower, school life seemed impossible without the necessary blend.

"Basketball is a team game. If you wanted to be a good team then you needed teamwork. I don't think we would have accomplished very much at all. That is why we were so successful. We all just worked hard at practice everyday and we were really good friends. It made the season a lot of fun, and being successful at the same time just made it so much better." **Brian Stolarz,** sophomore

"I decided to donate blood because I saw this Extreme Home Makeover show and there was this little girl who needed blood transfusions all the time. I just felt that if it hurt me a little bit of time, it could save somebody's life. I was nervous but I was like, 'Oh I'll be fine.' Physically I got really sick from [donating]. During the process I was perfectly fine, but afterwards I passed out and then I threw up six times, but I felt good because emotionally I was happy I could donate." **Ali Blanchard,** junior

"Being the last Valedictorian felt great. It was good to know that all my hard work paid off in the end. I had to make sacrifices and study when I didn't want to study. I had to get the most amount of work done at school so I could have time after school to participate in after school activities. To know that I'm the last one at Munster High School is a great honor." **Tess Edvardsen,** senior

"I liked having partners in photography. You got to split the work up and you had different perspectives on what you were shooting—different people see different things. My partner was my friend. It was better to pick a friend because you gave each other enough time. They helped you set your pictures and framing." **Ashley Pickett,** sophomore

mind over matter

Paying attention Phoebe Connor, senior, listens to mock trials in government. **With strength** seniors Kurt Leeney and Tony DiCostanzo participate in Tug-of-War at the Homecoming pep rally. **In Honors Physics,** Cristina Bonini, junior, works on a lab. "It was the first year Honors Physics was offered and I wanted to experience the difficulty," Cristina said. **Filling in the bubble** Abhinav Ravi, senior, takes the Academic Superbowl test.

surf's up
Arms up in the air, Lyndsey Kunz, junior, crowd surfs at the football game against Highland. "I liked to show my school spirit and have fun out there and get the crowd pumped up," Lyndsey said. "They lifted me up like 40 times."

small talk During the first day of Pep Band, seniors Jordan Milne and Colleen Anderson catch up. "We had been good friends for quite some time and I told her she should join Pep Band, which she did," Jordan said. The after school activity brought the two even closer.

sit tight On their bench, juniors Natalie Gouwens, Molly Scott, Marisa Meneghetti and Makaela Moyer share a laugh. "We always sat on that bench right after lunch and talked before class," Marisa said. The group met there throughout first semester.

out and about

The night before Prom, seniors Manny Lopez, Erin Hott, Sean Tomazin and Doug Johnson meet with friends at Round the Clock restaurant. "The food, the atmosphere, and the convenience made Round the Clock a good choice," Manny said. **At Community Park,** Sean and Manny swing on the umbrella. **Goofing around** on the swings, Doug makes his friends laugh.

work hard, play hard Juniors Camille Gonzalez, Madolyn Hedin, Ryan Otto and Mike Phipps choose to work together on their Advanced Placement U.S. History class activity. "I definitely liked picking groups better because it was always easier to have fun when you were with people you knew a little better," Madolyn said. The group attempted to simulate a monopoly with the game.

checks and balances

As Mr. Nick Novak, sociology teacher, announced the small group project, Rachel Nowinski, senior, breathed a sigh of relief.

"I preferred groups because the work could be evenly distributed," Rachel said. "Plus, if you needed help, you could ask others in your group."

Groups of any size helped defuse the work load that individuals completed, enhanced social skills for a classroom environment, and encouraged students to meet new people, according to Kenn O'Drobinak, senior. When given the choice, many students chose to work among friends.

"I preferred small groups if you got to pick your partners, because then you were with your friends," Rachel Beavers, sophomore, said. "Sometimes all the work didn't get done."

When working with friends, ending up off task frequently occurred, according to Michael Castelton, junior. Groups found it easier to finish their work if they pre-planned.

"Planning the workload ahead of time really helped to stay on task," Rachel Beavers said.

In addition to planning for group projects, planning where to go with friends also posed a problem.

"A group of 20 couldn't just walk into a restaurant and expect to be seated right away," Kenn said. "That's why I enjoyed Round the Clock. They managed groups well and were open late."

Often students found their schedules too demanding to go out in large groups. Trying to make plans around everyone's schedules and what they wanted to do could be challenging, according to Rachel Nowinski. With so many options such as dinner, bowling and movies, finding a general consensus proved difficult.

"I liked bowling in groups because it was really entertaining to see how poorly my friends bowled; however, they didn't find it as fun," Kenn said.

Being able to hang out at someone's house relieved the stress of getting around, according to Kenn. Also, smaller groups posed fewer restrictions on location.

"I enjoyed being around close friends because, it allowed me time to catch up with them," Kenn said. "It was a more intimate way to hang out."

get it together The day before their test, seniors Steven Ondo, Stefan Canic, and Christina Boswell pick their partners for a Carousel quiz. "Time went by quicker when you worked with friends, and Steve was always around and had a nice smile," Christina said. The review paid off for the group on the test.

Whether traveling with 20, or working with three, group size determines options for activities both in and out of school

"It was really funny to see which of my friends I was paired with, but it was totally random and not accurate, which made me kind of sad."

Alex Kattan, sophomore

A boy going to the bathroom with another boy, a girl wearing loose, saggy clothing? Some behaviors prove more socially acceptable between same sex members

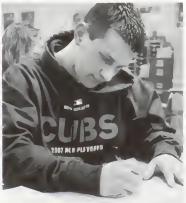
put it together

The question seems easy: "Where should we hang out?" But behind this seemingly innocent question lie a multitude of choices. Geography plays a key factor when deciding where a group should hang out. Does the group consist of all girls? All boys? Or a mix of the two? While girls might hang out in one of their bedrooms, mixed sex groups tend to drift towards the basement. Gender groups define conventional behavior and stereotypes within and outside the school walls.

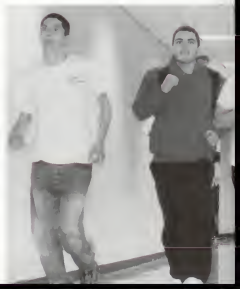
"A single lunch just wasn't enough to fill me up. I usually get a double or a single with extras. I don't know of many girls who do that.

Steve Gehrig, sophomore

bank shot To pass the time on a weekend, sophomores Brandon Weinberg, Joel Ratajack and Michael Baggett play basketball. "We went outside a lot if it was just us," Joel said. "When we hung out with girls though we tend to just hang out and not really do active things."



super fan Mind on the upcoming Cubs game, Ethan Hansen, senior, tries to get work done during 6th hour. "There was a group of us guys that followed every game," Ethan said. "Watching the Cubs was kind of a religion, or way of life. I wore Cubs gear every time there was a game."



Weird behavior

with different genders come different acceptable behaviors

okay for **Boys**

- running to get to lunch early
- belching in public
- eating a whole pizza alone
- rating the opposite sex
- asking people out to dances
- wearing mismatched clothing

okay for **Girls**

- using the same dressing room while shopping
- wearing the opposite sex's clothing
- giving Christmas presents
- having sleep-overs
- growing their hair long
- baking treats for friend's birthdays

feminine mystique

buddy system Checking her make-up in the mirror, Paige Opinker, sophomore, chats with friends Olivia Koufos and Kamryn Klawitter, sophomores. "I always went to the bathroom with someone," Paige said. "It was just something I've always done. All girls did it."

circle game In a circle at the Homecoming dance, Rachel Ceja, junior, dances with friends. "Usually at dances we all dance in a circle. Guys are usually on the outside with girls on the inside."

On location

demographics of a group helped determine where the group hung out

Single sex	"Their house or my room."	"In my basement or outside."
Mixed sex	"We go to parties or just drive around." **Alyssa Minton,** freshman	"The TV room or we go out." **Tim Carlson,** sophomore

hungry like the wolf Eyes focused ahead, seniors Dan Nootens, Adrian Eloisa, Tom Bustalino, Jadd Villalobos and Greg Clark run to lunch before the bell rings. "I never saw many girls running," Dan said. "It was usually just a group of guys so we could be first in line for food."

Theater, honors classes, band, choir, sports, skatepark, publications... students seek others who share similar interests

polarizing force

As Jose drives to his friend's garage to practice with the rest of his band members for next Friday's gig at a local coffee shop, Brittany begins a long night rehearsing with a friend, practicing her lines for the opening night for the school musical.

When students sought friends to socialize with and find comfort in, they searched for people who shared similar interests. Based on these interests, they soon found that obligatory groups turned into friends.

"Social groups were good because they made you feel like you were included, and they didn't make you feel like you were a cast away," Lorissa Pietruszka, junior, said.

On the other hand, social groups were not good, according to Julie Hansen, freshman, as they often left some people out of a group. Many groups could be spotted by the way people act around friends and other people, she said.

"Cliques or social groups will never be over with because people will never learn to mend together," Julie said.

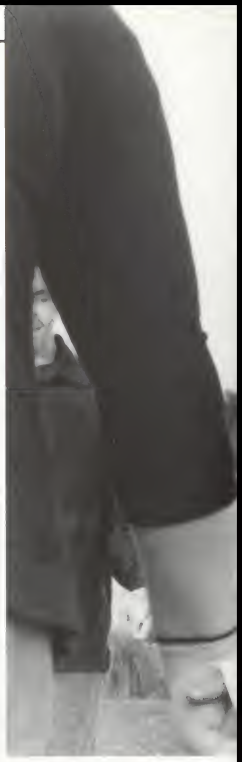
Stuck in the middle, Jose Aguilar, senior, believed that groups could act as good outlets, but it all depended on whether the group was constructive or destructive. It proved partially positive that students had friends with similar interests; they made people well rounded if they went from one group to another, he explained.

"People went to social groups because of the things they had in common with that group of people and the environment they were in," Jose said. "Their environment grew around them, so that person felt comfortable around the people. Also, they didn't feel alienated from people."

Jose, lead guitarist for Goodbye to Friday, found that his environment evolved around his band. Whether practicing for hours to jam out in Battle of the Bands or a local gig at Bean Counters coffee shop in Highland, his group grew with the music and became close friends.

"It was a lot of fun. We played three games. I got a 30 one game and a 120 another game. It was the worst I ever played."

Robin Jiang, senior



watchful eye During the *Arsenic and Old Lace* rehearsal, director Elyse Estes, senior, laughs with assistant director Lorien Estes, senior. "It was a lot of responsibility to be directing a play (instead of being in it) because you were responsible for all your cast members," Lorien said.

united we stand Together with hands linked, Rachel Hluska, junior, joins others to pray around the flagpole for Meet Me at the Pole. "It was a tradition in many schools," Rachel said. "We just wanted to be on fire for God."

wheel and deal As Chris Sicinski, junior, relaxes after school, he meets friends at the Community Park skatepark. "I always wanted to learn," Chris said. "I watched videos of pro skaters."

talk in circles Reviewing their lines, Katie Taylor, sophomore, and friends discuss their upcoming group project for Theater Arts class. "We were practicing our lines on the script," Katie said.

price check Buying Hulk hands and Nerf guns as part of the Mustang Toy Roundup, Ryan Wilkinson and Taylor Kimes, juniors, shop for kids. "It brought you back to your childhood days," Ryan said. "You bought the stuff you always wanted to get when you were little."

How has group involvement changed your relationship with the people you see everyday?

Band

"You knew a lot of people because band was huge, and after going to all the competitions, it was like, wow."

Ellen Scoleri, freshman

Theater

"Theater helped me make friends. Before I was a freshman, I went to a private school. My buddy said to check it (theater) out. It was a good decision. I made most of my friends here."

David Kiesling, senior

Sports

"You saw people as athletic or book smart, but when you were in sports, you saw them as lazy or not."

Clint Boelt, junior

Honors Classes

"Some of the people I talked to were more studious and cared more about their grades than others."

Emily Chen, junior

Myspace VS Facebook

"I think Myspace is better because it's a bit more private and things are more organized and easier to use."

Celeste Avina,
senior

"Facebook. It's more mature people. Myspace is like, 'Oh my God top eight. You need to be my number one."

Nikita Kanal,
sophomore

"Neither. I've never been big into the different forms of Internet communication, it just seems too impersonal. I'd much rather talk face to face."

Melissa Lee,
junior

information for the ages Eyes peering at the screen, Kelsey Warda, junior, researches for We the People. "We could contact professors for sources, " Kelsey said. "You couldn't do that without the Internet." We the People got second at State.

lights, camera, action Senior Student Government members Grant Williams, president, and Fred Olaosebikan interview members of the band "Goodbye to Friday" for a Battle of the Bands preview. "We wanted to introduce the bands," Fred said.

Why do you use **Facebook?**

"Use Facebook to stay in touch with all my close and distant friends. Also, to keep in touch with my relatives."

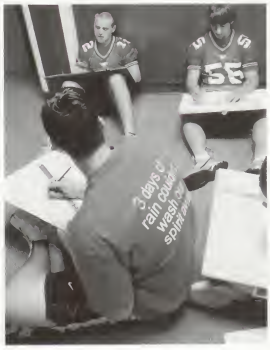
Dan Paulson,
junior

"It's a way to connect with people and stay updated with your friends when you are not with them."

Lester Blumberg,
freshman

"I use it because it's an easy way to stay in touch with friends and figure out stuff going on in the school."

Katie Kocsis,
senior



drawing in the rain Drawing in the hallway for art, Jon Newcomb, sophomore, sports the flood T-shirt. "During the flood, I helped at the high school moving cots," Jon said. Student Government's T-shirt sale profits helped community members affected by the September flooding.

keep in touch

With an age of technology that provides instant communication, students find new gadgets to increase messaging. From the Internet to cell phone texts, vital information passes at the tough of a button

"Oh my gosh! Did you see her Facebook status?"

"I know! I can't believe they're dating!"

Facebook defined the youth generation. Teens became interconnected, whether through wall-to-wall posts or bumper stickers. But Facebook proved more than just catching up on weekend drama; it became a way to get involved and know what's going on in the world.

With the unexpected flooding in September, Student Government needed a way to connect to the student body and keep them informed. Student Government President Grant Williams, senior, created a Facebook group that allowed students to find out information during the flood.

"I created a group to instantly connect with over 500 people," Grant said. "The great thing about a Facebook group is you aren't forced to receive information you don't want."

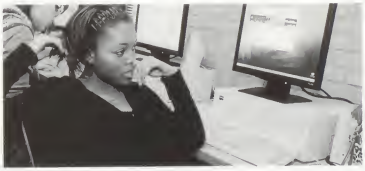
The group sent out posts concerning volunteer opportunities, information about the school days being missed, and T-shirt fundraising.

"I think that everyone who was involved would have gotten involved, but the transmission of information would have been slower," Grant said. "The group allowed me to connect with the students directly."

Mitch Hanak, member of the band "It's a Trap," senior, also used Facebook as a means to promote his band for Battle of the Bands.

"Facebook allows you to share tons of information at once," Mitch said. According to Mitch, Facebook is really "just that simple."

g2g dance With her leg stretched out, Rebecca Bernardi, sophomore, texts a friend before competing her pom routine at the Lake Central Dance Invitational. "I texted before competing because it calmed my nerves," Rebecca said. "I wanted to distract myself and only focus on one thing before I performed." The team placed second in the Pom category.



sight for bored eyes Wheels turning, Michele Monogan, junior, brainstorms ideas for Mr. Glen Percifield's English class. "It was easier to find information using the Internet, rather than books," Michele said. Michele used the Internet every day.

testing 1,2,3 Megaphone in hand, Mr. Robin Tobias, Assistant Dean, welcomes students into the school. "I liked to see friendly faces," Mr. Tobias said. "If I could help others be friendly, that was fun to me." Mr. Tobias greeted students every Tuesday and Thursday morning with jokes over the megaphone.

Ring It Up

	Verizon	AT&T/Cingular	Sprint	T-Mobile	U.S. Cellular	Other
Freshmen	27%	19%	21%	21%	2%	10%
Sophomores	25%	40%	7%	25%	1%	2%
Juniors	26%	34%	11%	21%	4%	4%
Seniors	40%	20%	19%	17%	2%	2%

251 students surveyed March 17

"Texting was a good way to keep in touch with people without having to pick up the phone."

Erin Montgomery, junior

"I liked how into [Nerd Day] everybody got. They really played the role of the nerd."

Tyler Schwartz, senior

reigns and pours

Two Homecomings? Arriving at school Friday after the flood, the last day of the intended Homecoming Week, confused students did not know what to expect.

With the flood postponing Spirit Week, Student Government quickly tried to decide what would become of Homecoming and the planned events that came along with it.

Since the rains washed away the pep rally, class floats, parade and queen before the original Homecoming football game against Morton, Student Government decided that it would be in the students' best interest to keep the dance on its original Sept. 20 date.

"It was important to keep something consistent for those who scrambled to find a place to live," Student Body President Grant Williams, senior, said. "We also didn't want to make everyone rush to reschedule plans."

Although the dance proved successful, students wondered if they would still get to dress up for Spirit Week and have a pep rally. Student Government once again discussed the possibilities with Ms. Twila Marsh, Student Government sponsor.

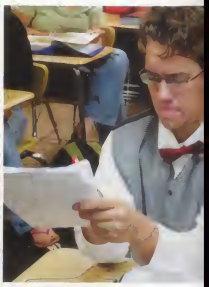
They decided that Spirit Week would run from Oct. 13 to 17, with a pep rally and the crowning of the Homecoming queen at the Friday night football game against Kankakee Valley.

"We had a week of relief in October instead of having all the festivities crammed in September," Joey Navarro, junior, said. "It was pretty nice."

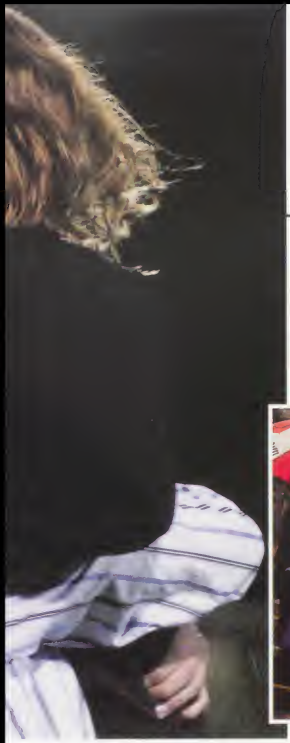
Students showed pride sporting school colors even though the separated Homecoming seemed out of the ordinary.

Matt Fehring, Brandon Weinburg, Natalie Tribou, Courney Lowry, Michael Baggett, Joel Ratajack, Emily Scholtz, Bianca Cordova, sophomores

Melissa Rangel, senior



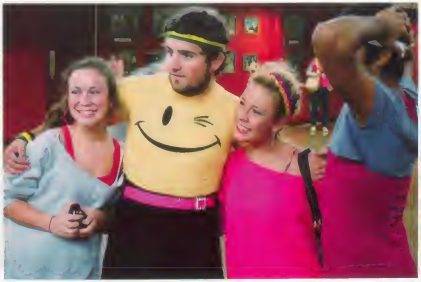
Doug Johnson, senior



take the crown Air lifted by escort Ray Lopez, senior, the newly crowned Homecoming Queen Jill Koselke, senior, smiles with excitement. "I was overwhelmed and excited," Jill said. "I had no clue who was going to win. I really didn't expect it at all. Every girl was a Homecoming Queen just as much as I was."

queen's court Smiling ahead, the Homecoming Court of seniors Vanessa Cordova, Tess Edvardsen, Leah Brousalis, Sophie Koufos, Jill Koselke, and Jessica Biestek beam at the prospect of becoming Homecoming Queen. "I was surprised and really happy that the people in my grade thought that I represented the class well enough to elect me," Sophie said.

right as rain Umbrellas out, the Homecoming Court and their escorts Seth Flahaven, Ben Varnum, Terry Grunewald, and Ray Lopez, seniors, sit in the rain before the crowning of the queen.



Ashley Norris, Ben Taylor, Megan Hammermeister, Viraj Maniar, seniors

Mr. Glen Percifield , Joe Torres
English teacher senior

in good spirit

Guitars in hand, sophomores Joel Ratajack, and Michael Baggett play music in the Commons for Decades Day, while sophomores Matt Fehring, Brandon Weinberg, Natalie Tribou, Courtney Lowry, Emily Scholtz and Bianca Cordova gather around. **Hands on hips,** Melissa Rangel, senior, dresses up as a picnic table for Spirit Week. **Eyes focused,** Doug Johnson, senior, looks over his assignment during Nerd Day. **Posing for a picture,** seniors Ashley Norris, Ben Taylor, Megan Hammermeister and Viraj Maniar dress up for '80s Workout Day. **Dressed as moss** for Random Costume Day, Joe Torres, senior, makes the students laughed in Mr. Glen Percifield's, English class. "[Spirit Week] was about having fun and making the week as fun as possible," Joe said.

"It was important to represent and be proud of your school."
Bobbi Modesto, freshman

got pie?

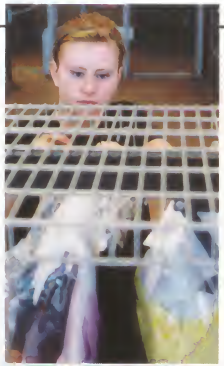
Whipped cream in hand, Drew Bogs, junior, gets ready to pie his teacher, while Mr. Michael Coil, biology teacher, and Mr. David Russell, English teacher, accept the creamy mess. Students donated money and those who donated the most got to pie a teacher of their choice.

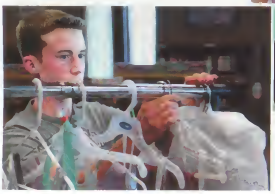
dress to impress

As donations arrived, the Dress Boutique helped the flood victims find dresses, suits, ties, purses and shoes. In addition, hair salons donated hair care products, while florists donated flowers including bouquets, according to Miss Twila Marsh, Student Government sponsor.

As WJOB radio and Fox News aired information about the boutique, donations poured in.

"I was overwhelmed by the amount of donations we received," Student Body Vice President Vanessa Cordova, senior, said. "Even if it was just one girl who changed her mind about going to the dance because she got a dress from us, it was completely worth it."





shop around Alex Doctor, junior, and Student Body President Grant Williams, senior, organize the Dress Boutique, while freshmen Kyle Brown, Nick Riley and Sonny Tiwana browse the tie collection "It was a good idea because students were happy they had one less thing to worry about," Alex said.

let the games begin

Bent over, Alyssa Bizoukas, sophomore, bobs for apples. **Apple in mouth,** Michael Adams, senior, races to the finish line. **Dressed in spirit attire** for their class, seniors Demetrios Pitsas, Ray Lopez, TJ Hecimovich and Tony DiCostanzo use their strength to try to win at tug-of-war. "I wanted to represent my class and show good support," Ray said. "Seniors set the tone for the rest of the school. They lead by example. In order to carry on the spirit the underclassmen follow." **Observing the pep rally games,** Coach Leroy Marsh sports his flood t-shirt. **In a potato sack,** Patricia Martin, senior, jumps around the cone during the potato sack relay race.

Alyssa Bizoukas, sophomore

Michael Adams, senior

what made **Homecoming** different from last year?

"The dance came before Homecoming week and all the excitement. What made it special after such a disaster was that the community came together and we were able to have a positive outcome and a happy ending to a terrible week."

Jessica Biestek, senior

"After the flood, people were energized because they wanted to overcome the disaster. The seniors had tons of spirit and I think it made people happy again."

Heena Patwari, junior

"I think there was the same amount of participation as before. It wasn't that different."

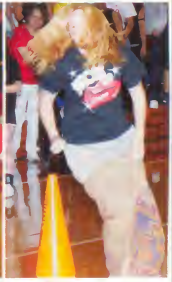
Tim Kearney, sophomore

"There wasn't as much excitement since the dance already happened, but Spirit Week still allowed us to have fun. There just wasn't that feeling of 'Homecoming' anymore."

Ben Goldenberg, junior

Demetrios Pitsas, Ray Lopez, TJ Hecimovich, and Tony DiCostanzo, seniors

Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher



Patricia Martin, senior

The building bursts with trinkets and hidden areas that students take for granted. If you open up your eyes, they reveal themselves

secret spaces

The Chamber of Secrets. The portal to Narnia. The stairs behind the LGI. Behind nooks and crannies, there lies an undiscovered secret. Students walk through the halls every day, but do we ever notice the trophy cases or the cameras on the ceiling? The school spills to the brim with secret places and treasures that hide behind closed doors.

sound off Provisions on hand, Jacob Cherogan, junior, manages the lights and sound for the spring musical, *Carousel*. "The theater was a place within a place," Jacob said. "It was its own world."

a thing or two With pencils in their hands, seniors Alicia Nieves and Lana Muhrez take a vocabulary test in Mrs. Tammy Daugherty's Advanced Placement English Composition class. "It got loud inside the classroom since everyone was talking," Alicia said. "With over 1,000 classmates, finding somewhere to find silence during the school day helped." The girls went outside to the hall for every vocabulary test.

What's your **secret place**?

"The theater. It was its own separate part of the school."

Melissa Lee, junior

"The practice room in the music area. It was peaceful and fun. I didn't consider it school."

Daya Devanathan, senior

"Nowhere. You could never get away from the stresses of school."

Kelly Schlotman, junior

"The lunchroom. It had comfort food, which made me really happy."

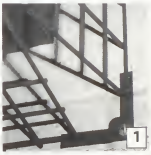
Richard Cox, freshman

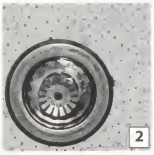
mirror, mirror Touching up her make-up, Nicole Raynor, senior, gets ready for dress rehearsal for *Carousel*, the spring musical. "I liked doing the shows because it was fun and it took your mind off of school," Nicole said. "The theater was good for that."

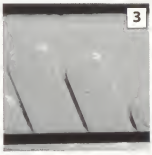
How well do you

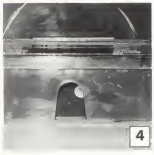
know the school?

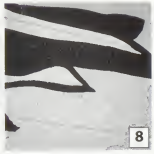
Students walk through the halls and Commons every day, but how often do they notice the little things? Below are pictures of common items found throughout the school. Try to identify the treasures.

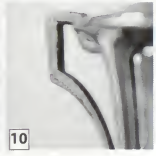












The school has many "secret places." Do you know where they are? Identify the place and see if you match the answers below.

Treasures1. fire alarm gate 2. ceiling sprinkler 3. water fountain push button 4. fire alarm switch 5. library metal detectors 6. security camera 7. hallway carpet 8. musing tail 9. locker vent 10. trophy in trophy case

Places1. stairs behind the LGI 2. teacher mailboxes in main office 3. resting area in nurse's office 4. AV Department in the back of the library 5. bird's eye view of stage in auditorium

pop culture

With each new year comes new trends. Whether it be new music groups on the airwaves, new movies in theaters, or popular celebrity figures, trends and pop culture found their way into the school. While t-shirts bearing Obama's face could be seen in the hall, girls snuck Twilight books behind their textbooks during class. The election of the first African American president, the explosion of the Twilight series and the new "going green" craze all defined the popular culture of the year.

tune in

new music groups like the Jonas Brothers hit the airwaves

making music

Rolling Stone announced top singles of 2008

1. "Single Ladies" by Beyoncé
2. "Les Artistes" by Santogold
3. "Time to Pretend" by MGMT
4. "Furr" by Blitzen Trapper
5. "Lollipop" by Lil Wayne
6. "Gamma Ray" by Beck
7. "American Boy" by Estelle
8. "I'm Amazed" by My Morning Jacket
9. "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay
10. "No Matter What" by T.I.

oh brother With test tube at eye level, Bianca Cordova, sophomore, makes sure not to get any chemicals on her Jonas Brothers shirt. "I was in love with the Jonas Brothers," Bianca said. "I went to the concert and bought a t-shirt because I liked to show my support. I had all of their songs downloaded too."

Obama proves **yes he can**

Barack Obama becomes nation's 44th president

rock the **vote**

Students weigh in on their inability to vote and their opinions on the outcome of the election

Jason Rutkowski, senior

Q Did you vote in this election?
"Nope. If I could have, I would have. I just wasn't 18 at the time."

Q Who would you have voted for?
"John McCain because I don't believe in Obama's socialist view."

Q What was your opinion on the outcome of the election?
"I wasn't angry or disappointed in any way. I had low expectations on how America would vote."

Melissa Rangel, senior

Q Did you vote in this election?
"No. I sadly wasn't old enough"

Q Who would you have voted for?
"Obama. I really wanted the country to be able to get away from the Republican side of things for the next four years."

Q What was your opinion of the outcome of the election?
"I was ecstatic. I was studying for AP Psych and people were leaving and I went back inside with my mom and she was like, 'He just won!'"

and the results are...

Barack **Obama**	**809** MHS mock election votes won	**365** electoral college votes won	**66,882,230** popular votes won
John **McCain**	**333** MHS mock election votes won	**173** electoral college votes won	**58,343,671** popular votes won

pick and **choose**

With the presidential election came student opinions on which candidate they would support

Barack **Obama**

"Obama was better because I felt he would be a better leader than McCain. Obama's all about change. He wanted to end the war and I supported that."
Megan Miller, freshman

"Obama had good ideas and I agreed with most of them, but from an economic standpoint, I didn't agree with him."
Tyler Schwartz, senior

John **McCain**

"McCain all the way because he had more experience and he wanted to help people who deserved it."
Gina Karabatak, sophomore

"My family is Republican so I supported McCain. He had more experience and he could lead this country in a better direction."
Louis Gain, freshman

photos by Sarah Roberts

change to believe in Democratic candidate Barack Obama visits Wicker Park in Highland on Halloween night to hold a rally for Democrats in Northwest Indiana before the election.

snap a shot Phone raised high, Megan Stacy, senior, snaps a picture of Obama at the rally. "I stood in line for a couple hours to make sure I would get in," Megan said. "It was worth it." Other students joined the crowd of several thousand who heard Mr. Obama tell the crowd, "Indiana, I have two words for you: four days." In just four days, Obama would win the election.

biting **back**

The *Twilight* craze reaches teen boys and girls alike

biting **force**

The *Twilight* series took the country by storm with

7
weeks *New Moon* was on the New York Times Bestseller list

$70.5 million
grossed the opening weekend of *Twilight* the movie

3.7 million
copies of *Breaking Dawn* that sold in the first 24 hours of release

by the **book**

Students weigh in on their favorite book of the *Twilight* series, and why they chose it.

"*Eclipse*, because I haven't finished *Breaking Dawn* yet."
Bennie Vassallo, junior

"... *New Moon* because I really liked Jacob in that book."
Bridget McCullough, sophomore

"*Breaking Dawn* was my favorite book because a lot happened and all the loose ends were tied up."
Stephanie Pallay, freshman

teacher **talk**

Teachers weigh the good and the bad about the Twilight series

"Some students read the book in class, but I wanted students to be reading. Reading was just another form of teaching them. I was happy they were finally reading, but I got irritated when they read it in class."
Mr. Jonas Wertin, English teacher

"I recommended them to all students of all ages. Every student that read the books has enjoyed them. It's a high interest read and once you started you had to finish. Most people I knew had finished one book in two to three days."
Mr. David Russell, English teacher

"I had no idea about these books. I had never even heard of them. Come see me in a week."
Mr. Bruce Curme, science teacher

book worm Book balanced on her desk, Eryn Whiting, senior, reads *New Moon* during class. "The books were really hard to put down once you started reading," Eryn said. "I took them to school with me and tried to get in reading during class time."

bit by the bug While cleaning up after making food at home, Stephanie Pallay, freshman, makes sure to keep her sweatshirt clean. "I bought it after the movie came out," Sarah said. "It's my favorite series."

step

on the gas as the months change, gas prices soar and drop

June	July	August
$4	$4.10	$3.95

healthy **living**

students find ways to help the environment by going green

clean **speak**

with being green comes new "green" vocabulary

organic
of or relating to food grown or raised without synthetic fertilizers, pesticides or hormones

biodegradable
capable of being broken down especially by the action of living things

carbon footprint
a measure of the amount of carbon dioxide produced by a a person in a given time

renewable energy
energy derived from sources that are constantly replenished by natural processes such as wind, water, solar and geothermal power

pedal pushers In an attempt to save gas, juniors Kara McShane and Olivia Koufos use a tandem bike to get around. **green thumb** Lunch tray in hand, Terry Grunewald, senior, gets his food. "We got smaller portions in the new trays even if they were healthier," Terry said.

battle it **out**

whether Cubs vs. Sox or Steelers vs. Cardinals, rivalries trigger debate

Valeri Ramirez, senior

the **Sox**

"My family were Cubs fans but I was a Sox fan. When they had the Cubs on TV, I was watching the Sox. We never agreed and we probably never will."
Lizzy Stone, senior

"The White Sox because they didn't hang a 'W' flag when they won one game, they hung a World Series banner when they went all the way."
Joel Ratajack, sophomore

the **Cubs**

"The Sox always choke in big games, but the Cubs win or die trying. That's why they're the best."
Jay Gill, junior

"I thought the Cubs should have gone all the way this time. It was time. It had been 100 years. They needed to show the Sox fans that they could do it and who the winners are."
Diego Gutierrez, sophomore

Fred Olaosebikan, senior

play **ball**

White Sox and Cubs experience record-breaking 2008 seasons

the Sox

109th
season in Chicago

235
home runs scored

2nd
American League Central championship won in 4 years

the Cubs

136th
season in Chicago

128
home runs scored

2nd
day in September the Cubs clinched the Central Division championship

picking **sides**

students choose favorites on who should have won Super Bowl XLIII

the **Steelers**

"The Steelers were going to win. All of my other teams lost in the playoffs so I wanted the Steelers."
Grant Thompson, freshman

"Steelers all the way. They were my favorite team. I was depending on the Bears to win but since they didn't get there, I wanted the Steelers to win."
Autumm Gonzalez, sophomore

the **Cardinals**

"I didn't really watch football, but for the Super Bowl, I rooted for the Cardinals because they were the underdogs."
Tetsuo Toyama, junior

"It's a family tradition to celebrate the Super Bowl. I cheered for the Cardinals though because I liked them better than the Steelers."
Arjun Kumar, senior

money **matters**

With the Steeler victory of 28-24 at the Super Bowl came costs to advertisers and fans alike

$3 million
cost for a 30-second commercial

$12 million
amount the Super Bowl Committee raised for the game

$2,593
average cost of upper tier seats

Sept. 16	Sept. 30	October	November	Dec. 8	January 2009	February	March	April 1	May
$4.27	$3.70	$2.60	$1.75	$1.39	$1.70	$1.73	$1.90	$2.06	$2.47

pains and pleasures

Bulging back packs, random screaming in the halls, and long lunch lines prove annoying, while treats like puppy chow during lunch and substitute teachers in class provide the school day with small pleasures

Crowded hallways, long lunch lines, slow walking students, and packed bathrooms seem annoying and stressful when students rushed to get to class. While walking to South, pounding noises got louder with every step as the South end of the building went under construction. In class, the girl to the left repeatedly clicked her pen, while the boy behind jiggled his leg, which shook the desk. All students got annoyed throughout the day even about the smallest situations. However, small gestures made the school day enjoyable.

Colorful balloons floated near the ceiling as the students held them tightly along with their other birthday gifts. Sun beaming down while reading outside for class gave students a break from assignments. Playing games in class, watching a movie with a substitute teacher in charge, or having no homework to complete after school provided small pleasures that made even the most annoying day a bit more pleasurable.

'tis the season Unaware of what is happening above him, Sean Tomazin, senior, continues to not notice the mistletoe that Manny Lopez, senior, dangles overhead. "It was a joke I made up," Manny said. "I put mistletoe on a stick and I would put it between two people just to see if I could get any good reactions. I got many positive ones."

Best water fountain

"The girls' bathroom one in the Commons. When no one was looking I went in and took a sip."

Joseph Willis, junior

"The Fountain of Youth' outside the choir room. It was so refreshing. It made you feel younger."

George Samaan, senior

Worst water fountain

"The one in South right across from the lunch room. It barely came out and the one next to it didn't work."

Amanda Porter, senior

"The one by Senorita Stoll's room. It's not cold and it tastes like sewer water."

Tyler German, sophomore

"I broke my hip. Just being coordinated and finding out how to get around without bumping into people was hard.

Brandon Goracyzk, sophomore

out cold Sweatshirt sleeves pulled down, Sarah Posey, senior, shivers outside during the fire drill. "I hated fire drills in the winter because we didn't have coats," Sarah said. "If they could emphasize them more in the fall and spring it wouldn't be as realistic but it seemed more of a necessity."

make a wish Blowing out the candles, Deirdre Capriglione, junior, celebrates her birthday during *Crier* hour. "In Publications, we spent so much time together that we were our own little pseudo family," Deirdre said. *Crier* and *Panigon* celebrated birthdays regularly with cake, cookies and other treats.

ready to rumble

As second semester got underway, boarded up windows greeted students in math and art classroom bordering the South courtyard. Seven new classrooms began to take shape, with plans to have them ready for the opening of school in August.

Phase 2 started in June, expected completion: fall 2010

- 11 new classrooms
- 50 meter long pool with 8 or 10-lane option
- renovated 8-lane track
- expanded concession stand, new baseball press box
- new synthetic turf on football field
- new visitor's bleachers

total cost
$18.82 million

build up While on his way to Advanced Placement U.S. History, Jacob Cherogan, junior, passes the construction site by the South Courtyard. "One of the days in math there was a very low rumble sound that went on all period and gave us all a headache." Jacob said. "It was just annoying." Band students, meanwhile, practised around noise filtering in from holes in the wall.

Annoyances vs Pleasures

"crowded hallways. I had this phobia that I wouldn't get to class on time."
Kelsey Warda, junior

"Passing periods because you could talk to your friends."
Ana Dominguez, freshman

"When people used ridiculously bad grammar and got mad when others tried correcting them."
Shawn Tuttle, sophomore

"No homework. I'd play basketball or play Xbox 360 instead."
Nick Peller, sophomore

"People stopping in the hallways because it ruined the flow. It annoyed me."
Glen Veyette, junior

"Sleeping in class and hanging out with my friends."
Daliya Odtallah, freshman

tight squeeze Books in hand, Alex Fimbianti, sophomore, navigates the halls. "It was really hard to get through," Alex said, "And you were often late to class."

back stage

not half bad Doug Johnson, senior, grabs a bite to eat. "It was in between the a.m. and p.m. show [*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*] on Saturday," Doug said. "We couldn't go anywhere because we had on our make-up and costumes. So sophomore Jonathan Wachala's parents stopped by and brought food for all of us." **helping hand** With tape in hand, Kathryn Krull, senior, prepares to start checking microphones for the show *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, with other cast members. "We were about to start mic check and I needed help putting the tape on my mic," Kathryn said. "So Erin Montgomery helped me to put it on," **down the line** After the show [*Arsenic and Old Lace*] the cast thanks the audience for coming and bids them farewell. Cast members remember the show in different ways. "The show went really well. My favorite part was about when Act II started," Janelle Boudreau, senior, said. "There was about five minutes of music, and about four of us were dancing like old ladies."

face the music

Novice Play:
The Beatles Slept Here

Dates: Sept. 24–25

Student Director:
Janelle Boudreau

new kid on the block During a scene freshman Danielle Koultourides' character gets fired. "The whole theater experience was amazing," Danielle said. "I made so many new friends, and just being in the auditorium was the best." **two of a kind** Lollipops in hand, sophomores Sam Strimel and Anastasia Papadatos discuss what to do next. "Right after we were done I had to hide behide the table," Anastasia said. "I had to duck taped myself." **take the stand** With a confident pose, Sam Strimel, sophomore, stands her ground while talking with another character. "It was a really fun modern play, and a lot of new and talented people were in it," Sam said.

"The best part was my character. I loved how he was messy and dirty all the time."
Hunter Muckel, junior

set the **stage**

Munster Theatre Company finds the spotlight with three productions

Sick stomach, knocking knees and a racing pulse were all symptoms of a condition many have experienced at some point or another: stage fright.

But as Haley Conger, sophomore, stepped on stage Sept. 24 for the opening show of the novice play *The Beatles Slept Here*, her knees were solid and her breathing steady.

How did she do it? As any student who has endured giving speeches in class with all eyes glued onto them knows, stage fright was not easy to overcome.

"The great thing about being on stage is that you couldn't see anyone," Haley, who played Lucy, a member of the Beatles fan club, said. "The lights were so bright you could see the people in the first couple rows, but no one else."

While novices might have more reason to fear opening night, Munster Theatre Company's experienced cast members took to the stage in November with *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* for the fall musical, and in February for the winter production *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Overcoming the on stage fear, the cast tried to avoid the feeling and find ways to have successful productions.

"We tried to pick a script that held people's attention and was funny," *The Beatles Slept Here* Student Director Janelle Boudreau, senior, said. "When people could let loose and have fun while learning their lines, it took away the fear factor of being on stage."

Choosing a script meant memorizing lines. As the clock ticked, Kenn O'Drobinak, senior, had only two days until opening night to memorize his lines for *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Putting off memorization until the last minute proved difficult. A play typically had one scene containing two acts; however, *Arsenic and Old Lace* consisted of two scenes for each act. With this extension, the play contained more lines than usual, which resulted in pressure on the actors.

"It was a long show and putting in the hours towards it was the hardest thing about this play," Stephanie Sepiol, senior, said. "I wished I would have started a little earlier to memorize the lines. I started a little too late, but I had some great comic lines and some funny stuff. In the end, it was a great show."

Along with learning lines for the novice and winter plays, songs also proved difficult for the fall musical.

"The hardest part about the musical

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all up in curls Right before rehearsal for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* Madolyn Hedin, junior, curls her hair to become fit for her character, Sally Brown. "My favorite part had to be the opening scene because everybody got to sing in it and there was a big dance number," Madolyn said.

the doctor is in

Fall Musical: *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

Dates: Nov. 20–23

Director: Dr. Larry A. Brechner

odd ball out Stephanie Sepiol, senior, pokes fun of Charlie Brown by making a rude remark while playing Lucy. "We explained the characteristics of Charlie Brown in the opening scene," Stephanie said. **every dog has it's day** One leg up, Tanner Ollo, senior, waves his hands and dances. "My favorite scene was Suppertime because it was the most Snoopy danced," Tanner said.

what's your poison?

Winter Play: *Arsenic and Old Lace*

Dates: Feb. 5–7

Student Director: Elyse Estes

practice makes perfect Kenn O'Drobinak, senior, reads his lines for *Arsenic and Old Lace*. "Learning all of my lines was really difficult, because I had a lot and some were very similar so I had to distinguish between them," Kenn said. **pressed for time** Almost getting knocked out, Harley Conger, sophomore, tries to resist. "The best part was hanging out backstage, because I didn't really see a lot of people that were in theater really outside of theater." **crazy as a loon** Kenn O'Drobinak, senior, struggles to get loose. "John and I were tying up Kenn," Kurt Alberson, junior, said. "We were planning to torture and kill him because my character, Jonathan Brewster, was insane," Kurt said.

end of the road With his hands up, Clarke Remmers, junior, enjoys the end of the fall musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.* "My favorite part was my character," Clark said. "It was really fun to become that character for a few days. Also spending time with my great friends." **love at first sight** Embracing his blanket Jonathan Wachala, sophomore, played Linus, a boy who never traveled without his blue blanket. "I was getting ready to sing a solo about the love and compassion that my character had for his blanket," Jonathan said.

"The best part was creating a production and feeling the pride that came with it."
Kurt Alberson, junior

set the stage

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[*You're a Good Man, Charlie*] was learning the songs," Doug Johnson, senior, said. "Also, trying to make the kite flying look realistic for the audience."

The cast rehearsed every day at 3 p.m. for the play *The Beatles Slept Here*, so familiarity with the script was no problem, according to Alex Reindl, senior. This rigid rehearsal schedule also helped bring the cast together.

"It seemed like a cliché but we really were a family," Alex said. "We bickered and were able to make fun of each other and ourselves. It helped because if you're able to criticize yourself, nothing anyone else could say could get to you."

Beyond the stress of knowing more lines than usual, laughs echoed from the stage between cast members.

"Stephanie Sepiol and I had to hide behind a table because we were hiding from Kurt, the bad guy," Janelle said about *Arsenic and Old Lace*. "We were supposed to be frightened, but it was hard because we were laughing."

The character Teddy, played by Doug, dawned as the most hilarious character of *Arsenic and Old Lace* as he tried to bring comedic relief to the most serious parts of the play, according to Dr. Larry Brechner, Munster Theatre Company director.

The cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace* got along so well. The entire cast had great chemistry together, according to Kenn. "Spending time with my friends and doing the thing I loved, was the most enjoyable part of the whole show," he said.

As the curtain rose, Stephanie gazed at the audience, stunned. The audience size did not seem as big as usual for the musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. But every night was amazing and the audience was wonderful, Stephanie explained.

"Maybe it was the timing or something else," she explained, but she wasn't sure. "The people that did come were very positive during the musical."

As the lights came up and the faces of the audience came back into view, Haley felt her pulse quicken. Unlike the gut wrenching feeling that came along with stage fright, Haley's pulse changed because of the rush of completing the first show of *The Beatles Slept Here*.

"Stage fright was easy to overcome if you could understand three things," Haley explained. "Know yourself, know your material, and know that come Monday, no one will remember if you screwed up."

back to basics Getting back into character, Janelle Boudreau, senior, tries to get back into the swing of the stage. "I hadn't been on stage since freshman year and seeing more experienced actors made me want to get the lines right," Janelle said.

"My favorite part was my character. I felt that I could really relate to her.

Stephanie Sepiol, senior

spinning tales

love and tragedy twirl on stage, as *Carousel* rounds out theater season to standing ovation

Backstage, Doug Johnson, senior, nervously awaited the opening night performance of *Carousel*.

Even with experience in a lead role, anticipating opening night always felt nerve racking. Although actors dedicated countless hours to making the performances memorable, some complications occurred in perfecting the roles, according to Doug who played-Billy Bigalow.

"I had a bunch of lines to memorize, and I did not learn my songs soon enough," Doug said. "Also, I had to trip and die by falling on my knife."

Getting into character proved challenging for many involved.

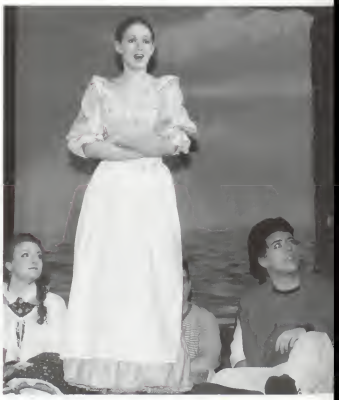
"That's what theater was--being someone other than yourself," Emma Grdina, junior, said. "It was me trying to bring out the Mrs. Mullin in myself rather than it being 'Emma' on stage."

Even though the cast portrayed characters created in the minds of the scriptwriters, some individuals found a way to bring their own personal touch to the role.

"My personal flair was a lot of flailing arm motions," senior Elyse Estes, who played Nettie Fowler, said. "Also, I lowered my speaking voice for a more commanding tone."

One of the biggest challenges was being able to put the necessary vocal power behind the songs, according to Elyse. However, the diverse music enhanced the performance. it had more of an opera feel and was challenging to sing, according to Doug.

"The most rewarding part of the musical was being able to get closer to some dear friends, through backstage bonding," Elyse said."The standing ovations were not bad either."



don't clam up At the beginning of Act II, seniors Elyse Estes, who played Nettie Fowler, and Stephanie Sepiol, who played Julie Jordan, sing at the clam bake. "The song was simple because the melody was pretty basic," Elyse said. "A real nice clambake" was followed by songs that required a greater amount of range, according to Elyse.

down and pout Feeding off Carrie Pipperidge's emotion, played by sophomore Katie Taylor, Haley Conger, sophomore, and Lorien Estes, senior, comfort her. "Her facials were very easy to react to," Haley said. "They were very expressive and helped me get into character as well."

take the stage Umbrella in hand, Emma Grdina, junior, who played Mrs. Mullin, tries to pursuade Dan Linnear, senior, who played Jigger Craigen, to live a better life.

wound up On the hand-cranked carousel, sophomore Haley Conger laughs with senior Doug Johnson, who played Billy Bigalow. "There were a bunch of handles around the edge," Doug said. "They manually slaved the carousel, and it was surprisingly unnoticeable."

chorus line
Air borne As sophomores Teddy Niemiec and Nick Estes lift Jelena Grozdanich, junior, during the ballet scene, **Katie Taylor**, sophomore, who played Carrie Pipperidge, interacts with the chorus. **carry the tune** Sam Strimel, sophomore, and Kenn O'Drobinak, senior, sing in the chorus. "The chorus added a powerful sound necessary in the big numbers in the show," Kenn said.

key notes

Spring Musical: Rogers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*

Dates: May 1–3

Director: Dr. Larry A. Brechner

Musical Director: Dr. Timothy Bartlett

backstage pass

Students formed bands to compete in the annual Battle of the Bands

Fall Back

Members: sophomores Mike Lusser, Luke Pena, Eric Walker and Tim Slifko
Favorite Song Played at Battle: "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Metallica
Place in Battle: Winner

It's a Trap

Members: seniors Mitch Hanak, Viraj Maniar, Matt Stewart, Tyler Schwartz; Ben Goldenberg, junior
Favorite Song Played at Battle: "Don't Trust Me" by 3OH!3
Place in Battle: First runner up

Goodbye to Friday

Members: seniors Jose Aguilar, Pat Speranza and James Willis; Hunter Muckel, junior; Dan Borgo '06
Favorite Song: "Under Pressure" by David Bowie
Place in Battle: Second runner up

Fool Waldo

Members: juniors Zakk Tritsch, John Bocknowski, Stephen Kwolek and Patrick Raycroft
Favorite Song Played at Battle: "Purple Haze" by Jimmy Hendrix
Place in Battle: Third runner up

Takeout

Members: seniors Mary Sandrick and Colleen Anderson
Favorite Song Played at Battle: "Sunday Morning" by Maroon 5
Place in Battle: Fourth runner up

sitting pretty Guitar balanced on her knee, Colleen Anderson, senior, sings "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay. "It was one of mine and Mary's favorite songs," Colleen said. "We tried to stick to songs we liked and that were easy to play."

water boy Water bottle in hand, Mitch Hanak, senior, belts out the lyrics to "Are you Gonna be my Girl?" by JET. "That song was killer on my vocal chords," Mitch said. "I was sick and I had to keep taking sips of water."

guitar heros Hands on their guitars, sophomores Luke Pena and Mike Lusser, play Metallica. **swing swing** Head swinging in a circle, Luke Pena, sophomore, plays guitar. "I liked headbanging," Luka said. "It's fun."

"Colleen and I had been playing together forever. We just decided to go public with it."

Mary Sandrick, senior

holding for battle

students cram auditorium to hear renditions of Metallica, Maroon 5 and OK go songs

As the lights in the auditorium faded, a hush fell over the crowd. It was 6:30 pm and Battle of the Bands was about to begin. Five bands and four talent acts had practiced for weeks to prepare for that night, and it had finally begun.

"We changed our set list about six times," senior Tyler Schwartz, drummer for It's a Trap, said. "We had to keep practicing to keep up with every new change. We would hear a new song and decide to play it, and it would set us back."

It's a Trap was not the only band to run into difficulty regarding their set list, though. According to senior James Willis, bassist for Goodbye to Friday, his band faced problems when deciding which songs to select for Battle.

"Choosing songs wasn't as easy as it seemed like it would be," James said. "On one hand, you wanted to choose songs that you enjoyed playing, but on the other, you had to pick ones people actually wanted to hear."

One band that stricly adhered to selecting songs they enjoyed playing was Fall Back.

"We decided to do all Metallica songs because we were all fans," Mike Lusser, sophomore, said. "It was important to pick songs you liked. If you did't enjoy playing, who was going to enjoy listening?"

This strategy proved efficient when the judges announced Fall Back as the Battle of the Bands champion and It's a Trap as the runner up.

"We really weren't expecting to win this year," Mike said. "It's usually seniors that win. We were prepared to have to go in for another year to get to the top."

let it slide Fingers on the strings, Jose Aguilar, senior, slides chords at Battle.
perfect point At his choreographed time, Stephen Kwolek, junior, points his drumsticks to the audience. "We planned it during practice," Stephen said.

kodak moment Camera in hand, Alex Flemming, junior, takes a picture with his date Jordan Wojtowich, senior. "It was our last dance together," Jordan said. "I wanted to capture the night."

hold me tight With her arms wrapped around senior Adam Goodwin, Lorien Estes, senior, dances the night away at Turnabout. "I asked Adam by writing a story," Lorien said. "At the bottom, I wrote 'Turnabout?' and luckily he said 'yes.'"

the night of nights Hugging her friend, Elizabeth Wadas, sophomore, enjoys Prom. "I was just happy to be there," Elizabeth said. "It was a fun night."

how did the Homecoming dance help people overcome the disaster?

"Since the week had been so hectic, the dance was a way for the kids to get out and have fun and forget about the flooding. They were kids for the night again and they didn't have to worry about anything."

Paige Kyriakos, sophomore

"The dance helped people to have fun and forget about the flooding and the damage."

Holly Stevens, senior

"Everybody could regroup and just show up with anything they had and talk about what happened.

Joe Pierson, freshman

"It was a place to get away from stress and problems at home. It let them enjoy one night with their friends where they could forget about everything else and just have fun."

Stacey Wierman, junior

get low Dancing with her friends, Ping Muangmingsuk, senior, "gets down" near the speakers. "Homecoming was just like any other dance," Ping said. "The speakers kept going in and out though which kind of sucked."

"Since this was my senior year, I knew I had to go to Homecoming. There was just this senior feeling I had the entire night."
Paige Patterson, senior

catch the moment

From floods to alternate prom plans, dances keep students moving to a new beat

With a dress boutique set up in the library before Homecoming, light sticks used to break up 'dirty dancing' at Turnabout, and a potential alternate prom, the dances proved anything but ordinary.

With Homecoming taking place just one day after returning to school due to the flood, students found little time to prepare; however, this did not stop them from attending.

"I actually thought the music for Homecoming was better than Turnabout," Kristie Miller, junior, said.

However, for many students the music was not the only noticeable change at Turnabout. The administrators warned students by making an announcement that 'dirty dancing' would not be tolerated, according to Mr. Michael Wells, assistant principal.

"A lot of schools in the area were not allowing [dirty dancing] anymore," Mr. Wells said. "It's not like we were in someone's basement. It is a public building."

Some students found it difficult to comprehend why the dirty dancing reinforcement took place at Turnabout.

"I thought the crackdown was stupid," Alyssa Adcock, senior, said. "That is how our generation's dances. We have always danced that way and there was no other way to dance to the music they played."

Students claimed that they did not hear about the rule until they arrived at the dance.

"Maybe we should have made it more known," Mr. Wells said. "It was enforced at Homecoming, but students probably didn't realize it as much because it was right after the flood."

This miscommunication raised many questions about Prom, and after the administration informed students that 'dirty dancing' would not be allowed, a group of upperclassman began to formulate plans for an alternate prom. however, after Joe Torres, senior, along with other students got together with the administration to discussed the problem, the need for the alternative dance no longer existed.

Dancing close would be allowed as long as it was appropriate for the school setting, according to Mr. Wells.

Although Turnabout did not flow as smoothly as many hoped, Prom far exceeded the expectations of many.

"The food was good and the dj was a lot better than I thought he would be," Jeff Lucas, senior, said.

With all the chaos happening around Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom, the dances still provided the students with a fun way to get dressed up and spend the night with friends.

double trouble Under the balloon arc, seniors Joe Longawa and Takehito Nakagawa, make heads turn by sharing a date. "I knew people were going to look at us differently," Takehito said. "Most guys didn't share a date for Prom."

pins and needles Pin in hand, Katie McGrath, freshman, puts the flower on Allan Gauthier, freshman, as they ready for the Homecoming dance. "I was scared I was going to stab him," Katie said. "Eventually, my mom helped me.

foot loose Giving her feet a break, Stephanie Mirabelli, senior, takes off her shoes with senior Kelly Wold at Turnabout. "My feet were always hurting me at the dances," Stephanie said. "Everyone I knew always took off their shoes eventually."

cool front Hair blowing in the breeze, seniors Eryn Whiting, Laura Kinser, Amanda Porter and Olivia Yates cool off at Homecoming. "It was really hot in the gym," Amanda said. "There was a lot of dancing too, which made it hotter."

save the **date**

Homecoming
Theme: Never Never Land
Sponsor: Student Government
Date: Sept. 20
Place: Fieldhouse
Time: 7-10 p.m.
Price: $17- single, $34- couple

Turnabout
Theme: Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend
Sponsor: Cheerleaders
Date: Feb. 28
Place: Fieldhouse
Time: 7-10 p.m.
Price: $18- single, $36- couple

Prom
Theme: A Night in the Spotlight
Sponsor: Junior CEC
Date: April 25
Place: Halls of St. George, Schererville
Time: 6:30-10 p.m.
Price: $36- single, $72- couple

single file Flowers in hand, Sarah Eldert, junior, and Sam Shaner, senior, check in at Turnabout. "The line went faster than normal," Sarah said. "They had more volunteers, which helped."

fits like a glove Looking over her shoulder, Emily Imrich, senior, gets her dress fitted for Homecoming. "It was my first and only dance," Emily said. "The whole process was just fun."

time crunch

With sports' schedules conflicting with Prom, girls experience time extremes

Kristie Miller, junior

Playing in a tennis match in Carmel, IN the same day as Prom, Kristie had a limited time to get ready.

4:15 p.m. Took a shower
4:35 p.m. Dried hair
4:40 p.m. Applied make-up
4:50 p.m. Straightened hair
5 p.m. Got dressed
5:15 p.m. Arrived at Grand March

Allie Hurwich, junior

With time to kill, Allie made getting ready for prom an all day affair.

noon Got hair done
1:30 p.m. Ate lunch
3 p.m. Applied make-up
3:30 p.m. Got Dressed
4:30 p.m. Arrived at Grand March

full speed ahead To add a Hollywood spotlight atmosphere to the Grand March, seniors Stephanie Skertich and Ray Lopez pose in front of the Rolls Royce. "The car added a different element to the March," Stephanie said.

and the **queen** is...

Eyes locked on the nominees, Kevin Nossem, senior, waits for the announcement of prom king and queen. With nerves racked to the bone, Daya Devanathan, senior, awaits her Prom Queen crown. "I was so shocked," Daya said.

by a mile with Matt Gehrig

2
Pairs of shoes worn down each season

3
Pounds of pasta eaten at each pasta party

6
Miles ran at each practice

5
Days a week running practice

5
Bottles of Gatorade drunk each meet

mind on the music Thinking of "What's my Age Again" by Blink 182, Matt Stewart, senior, runs the course at Riverside Park. "I thought of songs to not focus on the running," Stewart said.

Boys' Cross Country 110-36
Crown Point Invite
2nd of 8
Gavit Invitational
4th of 12
Griffith 16-47
Lowell 32-27
TF South Invite
2nd of 16
Conference @ Andrean 18-37
Conference @ Kankakee Valley 19-36
Lowell Invitational
1st of 11
Conference @ Highland 20-40
New Prairie Invite
19th of 30
Conference @ Hobart 17-45
Highland Invite
2nd of 19
Kankakee Valley Invite
1st of 7
Conference @ Lowell
1st of 7

Sectionals
2nd of 10
Regionals
1st of 10
Semi-State
10th of 20

Honors
Conference Champs
All Conference
Matt Gehrig
Brooks Platt
Cody Eitzen
Garrett Broadnax

at a stretch Leg stretched high, Nick Brown, junior, receives help from Elliot Bochnowski, freshman, before the Hammond meet. The boys traded off in helping each other warm up before the race began. According to Brown, stretching helped a runner last longer and run faster in a race.

Boys' Cross Country Team *(front row)* Matt Gehrig, Tyler Schwartz, Adam Kloos, Anthony Gomez, Tim Kearney, Grant Williams, Thomas Burgwald, Stephen Farrell, Pat Fagan, Evan McShane *(second row)* John Beckman, Henry Gallagher, Elliot Bochnowski, Brooks Platt, Adam Hart, Grant Thompson, Tony Rigoni, Ivan Gutierrez, Chris Cappo *(back row)* Coach Aaron Brown, Ian Svoboda, Fred Olaosebikan, Steve Gehrig, Garrett Broadnax, Cody Eitzen, Matt Stewart, Justin Hott, Travis Kmetz, Coach Rick Sluder

fall in line Waiting for the starting pistol, Tyler Schwartz, senior, stands with the rest of his team. According to Schwartz, it was the worst part of the race. "You didn't really hear the gun," Schwartz said. "It was more of a feeling."

Cody Eitzen, senior | Ian Svoboda, junior | Steve Farrell, freshman

chute

boys sprint through season and bad weather to finish 10th at Semi-State for the title

With mud squishing through his shoes and flying through the air, captain Matt Gehrig, senior, kept pushing himself to run faster.

"I kept slipping on turns and losing my footing as I was going," Gehrig said. "On the hill there was a big puddle of mud, but I managed to get through it okay."

While these unfavorable weather conditions could be seen as a hindrance, they did not dampen the spirit and drive of the Boys' Cross Country Team during the Bob Thomas Invitational at Lowell.

"Lowell beat us at the Gavit Invite so we were glad to come back," Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright middle school science teacher, said. "This was kind of a measuring stick for us to see if we improved against them."

Sure enough, the boys proved that they could come back after their loss at Gavit. The team ended up clinching first place, with Gehrig earning the top individual spot. Garrett Broadnax and Cody Eitzen, seniors, also finished in the top 10, which helped the team slide into first place, four points ahead of of their rivals, Lowell.

"It was great to know we beat Lowell after them showing us up," Eitzen said. "I was proud to help get us there."

As awards night ended, more than a few of the members of the Boys' Cross Country Team walked home with arms full of medals and honors.

"It was great knowing my cross country career could end on such a good note," captain Matt Gehrig, senior, said.

Gehrig, along with the accomplishment of making First Team All-Conference, broke the Northwest Crossroads Conference record with the record time of 16:24, smashing the old record previously held by David Feitz of Lowell, who had set it with a time of 16:38.

"He wasn't looking to beat the record," Coach Brown said. "Gehrig has always run hard and he earned this through practice and dedication, just like he always has."

Joining the First Team All-Conference alongside Gehrig were Garrett Broadnax and Cody Eitzen, seniors, along with Brooks Platt, sophomore.

"We kept the tradition of Munster winning alive," Eitzen said. "While Feitz beat out Gehrig before, we still beat Lowell with our whole team. We worked hard and we had the medals to prove it."

pace value With eyes looking ahead, Brooks Platt, sophomore, makes his way through the Riverside course. "Sometimes I got so exhausted I could barely run," Platt said.

Girls' Cross Country 106-34

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New Prairie Invite
16th of 32
Hobart 21-40
Highland Invite
1st of 16
Kankakee Valley
Invite 4th of 6
NCC Meet 2nd of 7

Sectionals
2nd of 7
Regionals
3rd of 10
Semi-State
7th of 20/175

by a mile

4
Total injuries for the season

24
Pounds of pasta eaten per pasta party

36
Miles run each week during practice

tools of the trade Blaring music through her iPod after helping the team finish first at the meet, Colleen Boyle, junior, prepares for the race ahead. "My iPod pumped me up," Boyle said. "I had a playlist that helped me get ready for each race."

a helping hand Reaching for her mother's arm, Jessica Kitchell, senior, catches her breath after finishing the meet at Riverside. "My mom gave me moral support," Kitchell said. "She helped me get through the season." Kitchell placed first at the meet.

food for thought Eyes focused straight ahead, Kyela Specht, sophomore, isn't thinking about the race. "When I ran, I thought about food," Specht said. "It helped me get through the race." The team finished seventh at Semistate.

oh baby Ellie Boston, junior, and Brianne Rubesha, senior, participate in "Pregnant Day" for Conference Spirit Week. "We put balloons in our shirt because Coach Duffy was pregnant," Rubesha said.

beating the clock With her watch on hand, Colleen Boyle, junior, checks her time after the Griffith/Lowell meet. "I timed myself for every race so it was just typical to check my time," Boyle said. Boyle finished the race 22:11.

Girls' Cross Country Team *(front row)* Mary Drzich, Ashley Burton, Allison Boyle, Michelle Kwolek, Ines Tzolov *(second row)* Ellie Boston, Jocelyn Araya, Lindsey Kitchell, Lyndsey Kunz, Jessica Kitchell, Brigid Marriot *(back row)* Erin Hott, Brianne Rubesha, Coach Michelle Duffy, Kyela Specht, Colleen Boyle

and they're off The sound of the gun ringing in their ears, the Girls' Cross Country Team starts the race at Riverside Park. "We trained all year long," Brigid Marriott, junior, said. "It took a lot of dedication." The team finished first at the Griffith/Lowell meet at Riverside Park.

Kyela Specht, sophomore

Ines Tzolov, junior

Jessica Kitchell, senior

step by step

girls place first at Highland Invitational

Going the extra mile, the Girls' Cross Country Team made history. For the first time since Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, coached the Girls' Cross Country Team, the girls placed first at the Highland Invitational Sept. 27.

"The girls finally ran to the expectations I had set," Coach Duffy said. "They also ran to their own personal expectations."

Ashley Burton, junior, and captain Jessica Kitchell, senior, both felt the meet turned their season around. The team raced tightly as a pack and most ran their personal bests. They also beat Kankakee Valley, their Conference rivals, 92-71.

"At the Highland Invite, we all finally realized how capable we all were," Burton said. "We all dropped our times, and we also won the meet for the first time since Coach Duffy has been with us."

The Invite put State-bound thoughts back into the girls' heads after an unusual week of practices and meets, due to the flooding. The main season goal became making it to State and that soon became a greater realization.

"We took each meet one step at a time to meet our end goal," Coach Duffy said.

Even though the Girls' Cross Country Team didn't make it to State, the Highland Invite put them in the right direction.

"It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!"

With a week to prepare for Semistate on Oct. 25, the Great Pumpkin visited the Girls' Cross Country Team. It not only showered the team with presents such as pumpkins with inspirational words and phrases, and with decorated bananas and sweets, but it also brought the team together for their final race.

"We all carved our pumpkins together," Colleen Boyle, junior, said. "We decorated them with inspirational words and phrases to pump us up for Semistate."

Captain Jessica Kitchell, senior, believed that the Great Pumpkin did more than bring the team presents; it also made the team grow closer.

"Every day the Great Pumpkin gave us rhymes, and as a team, we would try to guess what the next day's present would be," Kitchell said.

No one knew the true identity of the "Great Pumpkin," and Coach Duffy kept the secret tight.

"The Great Pumpkin was a great mystery," Coach Duffy said. "It visited the girls to motivate them to get past Semistate."

The girls did not advance to State, but the Great Pumpkin gave them a chance to bond. In the words of Charlie Brown, "Good g rief!"

Laura Kinser, senior

Kamryn Klawitter, sophomore

Sarah Kinser, freshman

drive down the middle

Kinser leads girls to Regional appearance

As the season began, the Girls' Golf Team faced many matches: some easy, some not so easy, as the girls putted through the season.

When the season started in early August with matches against Lowell and Griffith, the girls scored some of their best team scores all season. Lowell drove neck and neck with the girls, but in the end, the girls pulled out a win with a 180, while Lowell scored 189.

With the Griffith match, the girls shot 180 again, the best they had ever scored on an 18-hole course, while Griffith ended with a score of 275.

"The Lowell/Griffith match was the best match of the season because the scores were the lowest and we won," Coach Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher, said. "In our last game of the season, Lowell was the one to beat us."

As the season progressed, the girls remained undefeated and out-scored almost all the teams that came up the course, until they faced Chersterton. Chesterton ended up defeating them with a score of 180 to 223.

Despite falling to Chesterton at the end of the regular season, the girls, with eight wins and one loss, ended up scoring in the top seven in every tournament. These accomplishments landed them a spot at Regionals, where they finished 8th.

swing shot As the ball flies through the air, Jenny Silverman, junior, tees off at practice. "With practice, concentration, and lots of pace; with the knowledge of a true champion, I swung my golf club," Silverman said in explanation of her swing.

Girls' Golf Team *(back row)* Coach Jim Davidson, Molly Imrich, Brianne Rubesha, Emily Imrich, Sarah Kinser, Allison Skimehorn *(front row)* Sara Rasamimari, Laura Kinser, Jenny Silverman, Kimmie Montella, Kamryn Klawitter, Rachel Hannigan

write up After the game comes to an end, Emily Imrich, senior, adds up her final score. "Everybody on the team had to do this," Imrich said. "It was part of the rules." Once your scores match up with the other persons, you sign it for verification and turn it into the head coaches."

point taken As Coach Davidson flips through his score book searching forfreshman Sarah Kinser's scores, he gives her advice. "I was talking in between holes to Sarah Kinser, I do that a lot because that is the only thing I can do at the time," Davidson said.

bunker breakthrough Sand flying everywhere, captain Laura Kinser, senior, swings at the ball to knock it out of a sand trap. "I hit a bad shot and it ended up in the sand," Kinser said. "I didn't mind hitting them but they added unnecessary strokes to my score."

sharp eye Arm out Sarah Kinser, freshman, lines the ball up to the hole in order to get it positioned. "There were numbers on the ball that you lined up to the hole and then hit them," Kinser said.

Girls' Golf
8-1
Lowell 180-189
Griffith 180-275
Plymouth Invite 4th of 16/385
Lake Central Invite 3rd of 13/406
Kankakee Valley Invite 4th of 20/406
New Prairie 6th of 11/377
Highland 200-226
Hobart 190-202
Crown Point 197-205
Andrean 203-250
Kankakee Valley 203-223
Merrillville 181-214
Chesterton 223-180
Conference
2nd
Sectional
2nd of 8
Regional
8th of 12

eyes on the **prize**

Laura Kinser

When the spotlight shined on the Girls' Golf Team for two of the Conference Tournaments, they knew what to do.

"Personally, my best match was during the Conference Tournament," captain Laura Kinser, senior, said, "I shot my lowest score of the season and came in first place. It meant a lot to me because it was my last Conference Tournament."

Even though Kinser placed first at Conference, the rest of the team had to work to come out on top.

"Conference was the most suspenseful game of the season," Coach Davidson said, "because it decided if we went to Regionals or not."

The girls practiced and worked together and ended their season by placing second at Conference and eighth at Regionals.

Jerrett Tite, senior

Taylor Kimes, junior

David Garcia, senior

raising the sights

boys shut out Lake Central at Sectionals

Pounding rain poured down a few days prior, but the devastation of the flood could not wash away the spirits at the game against Morton, the original Homecoming game.

The players came together and all helped out the community by sandbagging for three days.

"It was a good feeling (helping out the community) even though everyone was tired," offensive lineman and captain Sean Dillner, senior, said, who sandbagged for over 24 hours.

During the week of the flood, the boys missed Monday practice, and shortened practices. The other days consisted of stepping through their assignments and walking through plays.

"Our players were very tired from working hard all week," Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, said. "The flood motivated them not to let down our community."

The football team did not let down the community andcame from behind to beat Morton, 35-28.

"We really wanted to get a win for the whole town," linebacker Lukas Nossem, freshman, said. "It was a great victory."

"We love football. Mustang football. All day. All night. In the air. Out of sight."

After every game, the football players had a ritual of reciting the "Mustang Chant." One player stood in the middle and started the chant, while the others repeated shortly after.

At the first Sectional game, the team shut out Lake Central, 23-0.

"We stayed focused all week and all game," Coach Marsh, said. "It was a good win for us. We got to get a little revenge from losing to them earlier in the season."

With a 75-minute thunderstorm delay and a muddy field, the boys waited for the rain to clear.

"[The delay] just made us want to play more," quarterback and captain Joe Gill, senior, said. "The coaches told us we were playing no matter what."

Although the rain continued throughout the game, it did not prevent the boys from keeping their focus.

"Rain usually has a drastic effect," Coach Marsh said. "In coaching, rain becomes the great equalizer between the talent. This was the best performance in the rain for football."

The boys agreed that they had fun playing in the mud.

"You didn't get the chance to slide around in the mud every game," linebacker and captain Kevin Nossem, senior, said, "and we shut them out on top of it. That was a game that I will remember for the rest of my life."

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run for it On the run during the game against Gary Wirt, fullback Ben Balasia (27), junior, works out his strategies. "My goal was to get as many yards as possible and not let anyone stop me," Balasia said. "As soon as I got the ball, I had to run as fast as I could, find the hole our linemen made for me and stay low." The team pulled out a win, 48-6.

pass perfect

quarterback and captain
Joe Gill, senior

How many years have you been playing football? "Since 7th grade."

Why did you decide to play football? "I loved playing football as a kid."

What other sports do you like to play? "Basketball and baseball."

Which football records have you broken? "I broke the record for career passing touchdowns, single season yards, and I tied for single season passing touchdowns."

What was the best moment of the season? "Beating Lake Central in Sectionals because that was the first Sectional game we won in five years and we lost to Lake Central earlier in the season."

What is your bond like with Coach Marsh? "He is a great guy. He was really nice to everybody and helped us out with stuff when we needed it. He also helped us out with recruiting."

Describe football in one word. "Amazing."

How did you get the nickname Bubba? "I have no idea. My dad started calling me it when I was little."

What is one thing people do not know about you? "I'm a really nice guy."

What do you do before a game to mentally prepare yourself? "Nothing. I didn't have to. Playing the game was enough to get me excited."

out of bounds Football in hand, running back Jason Han (8), senior, gets up after getting tackled out of bounds in the game against Griffith. "Once you got tackled you just thought about getting right back up," Han said. The team defeated Griffith, 17-14.

lie low On the verge of taking down a player from Kankakee Valley, linebacker Jerrett Tite (53) and defensive lineman Nick Nowaczyk (89), seniors, tackle down low. "Me and Nick have grown up together," Tite said. "Football was fun to begin with but when you played with your friends it made it even more fun. It was the best feeling in the world."

rally around Clutching the football, quarterback Mark Strbjak (7), freshman, stands close by the group huddle after half time. "We really came together as a team this year," Strbjak said. "This year everyone got along and had really good chemistry." After half time the boys got together and said a few words of encouragement.

Varsity Football 7-4

Lake Central 19-20
Gary Wirt 41-6
Highland 48-0
Andrean 42-7
Morton 35-28
Griffith 17-14
Hobart 23-24
Lowell 7-24
Kankakee Valley 40-7
Sectionals
Lake Central 23-0
Merrillville 7-37

JV 4-4

Lake Central 21-26
Highland 20-8
Andrean 8-12
Morton 35-28
Griffith 26-18
Hobart 6-13
Lowell 28-38
Kankakee Valley 34-14

Freshman 3-5

Lake Central 6-14
Kankakee Valley 29-12
Highland 13-20
Andrean flood
Morton 21-20
Griffith 30-0
Hobart 19-20
Lowell 6-41

Honors

MVP Defensive Linebacker Kevin Nossem, MVP Defensive Back Ian Boswell, MVP Offensive Lineman Sean Dillner, MVP Offensive Back Joe Gill, MVP Special Team Sam Shaner, Pride-Hustle & Desire Joe Torres, Niksic Leadership Joe Torres, Robertson Coaches Award Aaron Estrada, Sheard Scholarship Award Kevin Nossem

Football *(front row)* Joe Gill, Danny Gardner, Jake Smith, Jeff Lucas, Mark Strbjak, Jason Han, Ethan Flahaven, Michael McKechnie, Aaron Estrada *(second row)* Michael Swift, Thomas Costello, Josh Lukoshus, Matt Nelson, Lukas Nossem, Keith Shaw, Ian Boswell, Sean Lassenfelt, Michael Ortiz, Taylor Kimes *(third row)* Ben Balassa, Steve Lounsecki, Michael Vitkus, Matt Henderson, Matt McNicholas, Alex Martell, John Bochnowski, Garrett Peck, Nathan Eagan *(fourth row)* Bill Andrews, Sean Ziemba, Adrian Gutierrez, Patrick O'Brien, Davis Flores, Larry Allen, Ryan Wilkinson, Evan Gentile, Joe Torres, Tyler Musgrove *(fifth row)* Kevin Nossem, Kyle Fox, Luke Adams, Jerrett Tite, Alex Powell, William Ambry, David Garcia, Adam Rhoda, Fernando Carbajal, Keifer Morgan, Robby Howard *(sixth row)* Kyle Murad, Sean Dillner, Martin Ortiz, Grant Traxler, Dimitri Panos, John Seaman, Matt Rhoda, Andrew Lucas, Matt Skiba, Tyler Kerrick *(seventh row)* Adrian Yepez, Wally Olgy, Greg Clark, Bogusz Woznuk, Andy Rausch, Kyle Miller, Brett Strohl, Kyle Warge, Matt Collison, Alex Ostoich, Alex Welch *(eighth row)* Joe Hemingway, Julia Goszek, Kevin Watterson, John Cristo, Sam Shaner, Justin Gill, Nick Nowaczyk, Josh Brodsky, Troy Lolkema, Michael-John Doherty *(back row)* Coach Morgan Nolan, Coach Bob Fisher, Coach William Smitka, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Tom Largas, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Brian Vance, Coach Joe Helmer, Coach Tony Bartolomeo, Coach Jason Grunewald, Coach Keith Madderom, Trainer John Doherty

Freshmen *(front row)* Ethan Flahaven, Chris Meyers, Robert Flanagan, Oliver Sutter, Cade Conner, Karanpaul Multani, Colin Mudroncik, David Sears, Brandon Hoekstra *(second row)* Archie Patterson, Nick Brajak, Andrew Gorman, Britt Danzer, Josh Lehman, Dominic Fimbianti, Daniel Swiatek, Aaron Johnstone *(third row)* Simon Abu-Aita, Connor Cecil, Darius Flores, Chimez Okolocha, Chris Slivka, Allan Gauthier, Colin Hammermeister, Luke Hilbrich, Tony Cress *(fourth row)* Richard Guevara, George Saez, Tom Kim, Richard Cox, Christian Leonakis, Corey Tillman, Chris Kritzer, David Straka *(fifth row)* Louis Williams, Marco Hernandez, Cole Briggs, Steven Swingler, Jeff Boudreau, Korey Breger, Paul Cristo, AJ Jurick, Ernest Caston *(sixth row)* Zack Strbjak, Alex Reinsma, Brett Szafasz, Jakob Cuadra, Octavian Cretu, David Wilson *(back row)* Coach Matt Kalwasinski, Coach Matt Backs, Coach Jason Grunewald

side by side Coming out at half time defensive running back Taylor Kimes (24), junior, runs beside his friend, defensive lineman, Nick Nowaczyk (89), senior. "This year the senior leadership was really good," Kimes said. "We had a completely different mental attitude and decided we wanted to turn the program around back to the way it used to be."

signal point On a punt return, running back Jason Han (8), senior, checks the signal. "The signal was called "Cover Three," Han said. "I had to make sure we got the right call and checked the signal from the coach."

clean sweep In the third quarter against Kankakee Valley, Aaron Estrada (11), senior, reads off of captain and linebacker Kevin Nossem's (50) block. "A 58 sweep was the play for me," Estrada said. "I just had to read Kevin's block, and whatever way he blocked I would go off his back." Estrada ended up getting a first down and the team won the game, 40-7.

raising the sights

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Wearing the same socks on the same foot during every game, running back Joe Torres, senior, believed in food rituals in addition to his game rituals.

"I would eat the same sandwich," Torres said. "I would go to Subway at the same time every Friday and get a turkey sandwich with lettuce and tomatoes."

Torres was not alone when it came to pre-game rituals. The football team as a whole shared a ritual of going to a senior's house every Thursday night after practice to eat while watching a football prep show.

The boys spent time together everyday at a teammate's house, at practice, or during a game. This ritual of spending time together turned into a closer bond.

"They definitely rub off on you just being around those guys every single day," Torres said. "You knew them just like you knew your brothers.

Like many of the guys, running back John Bochnowski, junior, felt like he had a second family.

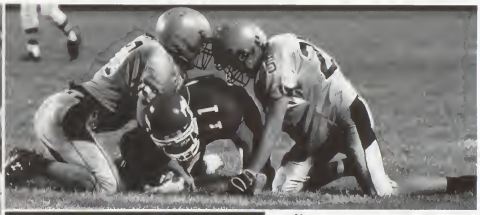
"We were definitely a family," Bochnowski said. "It's cliché, but it's the truth. Everyone looked out for each other and worked for the same goals and loved the guy next to them."

The off the field family-like bond between the boys even showed up on the field.

"It wasn't about you, it was about the team," Bochnowski said.

The bond had a great impact on the way the team played according to Torres.

"A year ago there was more of an individual style of play where everyone helped themselves," Torres said. "This year we were a team that loved each other and played for the person next to us."



slice
of the game

jam the tight end With strength and agility linebacker Lukas Nossem (18), freshman, grabs the facemask of a Griffith player. "I knocked him off his route," Nossem said. "I had to read his feet and make sure I got my hands on him no matter what." **take'em down** Down low, Josh Lukoshus (15), junior, goes for the take down during the Morton game. The team pulled out a win, 35-28. **cover and grip** After receiving a 10-yard pass from quarterback Joe Gill (3), senior, Aaron Estrada (11), senior, makes a first down. "I tried to make the first guy miss and hopefully score a touchdown, but the safety came over and tackled me," Estrada said. "[The game] came right down to the wire."

Jeff Lucas, senior
Marcus Alfonsi, senior

Seth Flahaven, senior

Craig Dohman, junior

gain new grounds

boys kick hard to make school's Semistate debut

With the buzzer sounding to signify the second half of the game to commence, the wind fought against them and the Mishawaka Marian Knights played hard, but the team had a 2-1 lead thanks to goals made by Krste Ruiz, senior, and Anthony Huard, junior, during the first half.

But as the half wore on, the Knights scored 2 goals and the prospects started to look bleak. As the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard read 3-2 with the Knights as the winners.

"We should have adjusted to the wind a little better," Coach Jim Prasopoulos, West Lake teacher, said. "But they fought hard and I gave them all the credit in the world."

This credit was hard earned because even though the team was cut out of the race to State, their season became record making. For the first time in school history, the team had made it to the Semistate.

"It was really hard to lose after coming so far," captain Marcus Alfonsi, senior, said. "We underestimated them and couldn't save the game after that."

Although the team felt disappointed that they could not advance further in the championship, the knowledge that they had gotten farther than any team before them will always have a place in their minds.

Fifteen minutes left in the game. The boys barely clinging to the 1-0 lead. Out of nowhere, Anthony Huard, junior, races two Lake Central defenders to the speeding ball. As his foot hits, Huard sends the ball soaring into the net to score his second goal of the game.

"I was able to get the ball and get in position and I just did what I had to do," Huard said.

Huard helped steal the Regional Champion title from the defending Lake Central Indians by scoring two of the three goals of the night. This win did not come easily, though.

"Things were not going our way the first half," Coach Prasopoulos said. "Lake Central was putting unbelievable pressure on us."

After a scoreless first half, Derek Carlson, junior, rose to the pressure from Lake Central. With 34:52 left in the game, Carlson kicked to score the first goal. This first goal gave the team a morale boost and helped the boys clinch their second champion title in three years.

"It was great to beat Lake Central," Carlson said. "After losing Regionals to them last year due to penalty kicks, we knew we couldn't let it happen again."

speed demon Eyes fixed on the ball, Anthony Huard, junior, races his Andrean opponent to the ball. "My speed is what helped me the most," Huard said. "I can outrun almost anyone."

stretch the limit Injured leg out, Marcus Alfonsi, senior, stretches before the Munster vs. Hobart game. Alfonsi injured his knee during a scrimmage and had to wear a brace to prevent further injuries. "Stretching helped bring back my strength and endurance," Alfonsi said.

Boys' Varsity Soccer Team *(front row)* Anthony Huard, Tony Ceja, Derek Carlson, Jess Clark, Eric Frasco, Tetsuo Toyama, Zarko Coric *(second row)* Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Coach T.J. DeGulio, Brad Armour, Matt Goodman, Erick Ferrer, Krste Ruiz, Jeff Lawler, Coach Ron Moore *(back row)* Terry Grunewald, Michael Jerge, Marcus Alfonsi, Seth Flahaven, Jeff Lucas, Craig Dohman, Jacob Smith

Boys' JV Soccer Team *(front row)* Jonathan Wachala, Nicholas Armour, Andrew Koultourides, Matt Farrell, Joe Pierson, Sam Smith, Jordan Cooper, Bobby Carlson *(second row)* Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Coach T.J. DeGulio, Chris Tassaro, Zakariah Kulam, Peter Karnezis, Manager Rober Vogel, Coach Ron Moore *(back row)* Bart Grabowski, Chris Catania, Jacob Shalen, Brandon Weinberg, Zach Vega, Aaron Cooper, G.W. Childs, Ethan Flahaven

Varsity Soccer

14-1
Portage 2-1
Lake Central 0-2
Lowell 8-0
Kankakee Valley 6-0
Bishop Noll 5-0
Chesterton 3-1
Griffith 2-1
Merrillville 3-1
Hobart 6-0
Mishawaka Marian
Highland 2-1
Andrean 4-3
Valparaiso 0-0

Zionsville Tournament
Harrison 1-0
Dwenger 4-3

Sectionals
Gavit 7-0
Highland 2-0

Regionals
East Chicago 3-1
Lake Central 3-0

JV Soccer

14-1
Portage 3-0
Lake Central 0-2
Lowell 5-1
Kankakee Valley 4-0
Bishop Noll 6-0
Chesterton 3-0
Griffith 5-0
Merrillville 6-1
Hobart 6-0
Mishawaka Marian 5-1
Highland 7-0
Andrean 4-0
Valparaiso 2-1

Zionsville Tournament
Harrison 3-1
Dwenger 2-1

great catch Leaping in the air Matt Farrell, junior, plucks a ball from the air during warm-ups. **hands off** As Terry Grunewald, senior, keeps his eyes on the ball, he keeps his hands low. **leg to stand on** Leg lifted high, Zach Vega, junior, attempts to block the ball from soaring past him. **by a long shot** With a swift kick, Krste Ruiz, senior, prepares to launch the ball to Jeff Lucas, senior, in the game against Hobart. Skills such as these helped advance the boys to Semistate. These skills helped the boys advance in games.

road to state

Start — Beat every team except Lake Central during the regular season

Advance to Sectionals — Beat Gavit and Highland, get crowned Sectional Champs

Advance to Regionals — Beat East Chicago and rival Lake Central to secure Regional Championship

Advance to Semi-state — Go down against Mishawaka Marian at Semistate

Finish

Sarah Skertic, Junior

Gabby Sapyta, sophomore

Coach Valerie Pflum

power shot

girls take home Conference Champion title

Kicking off the season with a new coach, the girls adjusted to the different styles of play that came along with it.

"Things ran differently [this season]," Tessa McGuan, senior, said. "There was a different style, but the team chemistry was the same."

The girls' chemistry stayed strong throughout the season, which affected their play on the field.

"At every game something interesting happened all the time," Natalie Gouwens, junior said. "Working as a team and getting through the games was astonishing."

This sense of camaraderie resonated throughout the entire team during each game.

"Every game we fought through the calls and worked as a team and gave 110 percent," Olivia Koufos, sophomore, said.

Throughout the season, twin sisters Olivia and Emily Koufos, sophomores, contributed to the team's accomplishments.

The girls loved being on the same team together, and working together as more than sisters, according to captain Kelly Schlotman, junior.

"Playing with my sister was awesome," Olivia Koufos, said. "We would do pretty much everything together. She was always there for me, and she pushed me to be better."

As the buzzer sounded, leaving the score at 0-1, the girls tried to accept their loss to Lowell. Despite the loss, the team still took home the Conference title.

"We really worked hard this season," Head Coach Valerie Pflum, math teacher, said. "We pushed through anything people threw at us."

After five games with only one loss, they defended their title as Conference Champions.

As the season progressed, Sectionals became the girls' main focus. The team did whatever they could to prepare.

"We stepped up practices and narrowed them down to what we needed to work on," captain Leah Brousalis, senior, said.

Despite their efforts and numerous practices, the team came up short at Sectionals.

"We were hoping to win so we could make it to Regionals," Brousalis said. " We had a good team this year but we didn't come through."

After decisively beating Gavit, 9-0, and Bishop Noll, 8-0, the girls' shots missed the mark as they fell to Highland, 1-2, in the Sectional Championship game.

swing shot Leg pulled back, Madison Quenzler, senior, goes for the ball during the Merrillville game. "When I have a longer stride it helped me kick the ball a little harder," Quenzler said. Winning the game 9-0, the girls took another victory.

quick uptake Eyes focused forward, Leah Brousalis, senior, takes the ball down the field. "It was hard sometimes to keep girls on the other team away from you, especially when they were faster or stronger," Brousalis said.

steal the show With a swift maneuver, Jessica Goodrich, junior, steals the ball from her Bishop Noll opponent. "She was taking the ball down to our goal, but then I snuck in and switched it around," Goodrich said.

Varsity Soccer *(front row)* Eleni Agelopoulos, Jenna Roller, Olivia Koufos, Gabby Sapyta, Sarah Skertic, Tessa McGuan *(second row)* Nina Ogrizovich, Katie Dobis, Jessica Goodrich, Madison Quenzler, Kaitlyn Flores, Kori Kirby, Emily Koufos *(back row)* Coach Valerie Pflum, Natalie Gouwens, Jenna Pagane, Marisa Meneghetti, Kelly Schlotman, Leah Brousalis, Coach John Fekete, Coach Liz Higgins

JV Soccer *(front row)* Alexa Grubisich, Andjela Rasmilovic, Alyssa Sheets, Chelsea Roach, Melissa Strohl, Hannah Buvala, Mira Culic *(second row)* Paige Cusick, Niki Griggs, Marelle Cerven, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Lindsay Spyrka, Morgan Newton, Hannah Marriot, Alyssa Roller *(back row)* Lauren Grunewald, Coach Liz Higgins, Gabby Roque, Coach Valerie Pflum, Rachel Shmagranoff, Coach John Fekete, Francesca Bowers

Girls' Varsity Soccer 11-7-1

Lake Central 0-3
Kankakee Valley 2-1
Portage 0-2
LaVille 4-1
Argos 1-3
Evansville Memorial 0-1
Westfield 1-2
West Lafayette 0-0
Griffith 3-0
Valparaiso 1-0
Highland 2-1
Merrillville 9-0
Andrean 4-1
Crown Point 2-1
Hobart 1-0
Lowell 0-1

Sectionals
Gavit 9-0
Bishop Noll 8-0
Highland 1-2

Awards:
Golden Boot: Jessica Goodrich
Pride, Hustle, & Desire: Leah Brousalis
Forward of the year: Eleni Agelopoulos
Midfielder of the Year: Olivia Koufos
Defender of the year: Marisa Meneghetti

JV 10-3

Lake Central 3-0
Kankakee Valley 6-0
Portage 6-0
Evansville Memorial 1-4
West Lafayette 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Valparaiso 1-0
Michigan City
Highland 1-0
Merrillville 3-0
Andrean 6-0
Crown Point 1-2
Hobart 6-2

flying high Eyes lifted to the sky, Kori Kirby, sophomore, watches the ball soar toward her. "The hardest part about air balls was beating the opponent to them and finding out just where to stop them," Kirby said. Kirby's skills at racing her Andrean opponent paid off as she intercepted the ball for her team, as they beat them 4-1.

down the line Cheering alongside her teammates, captain Kelly Schlotman, junior, high fives Katie Dobis, junior. "It got the team really pumped up before the start of a game," Shlotman said.

Pump up the volume

Finding the beat to psych up spirits becomes part of pregame rituals

Nina Ogrizovich: "Pause" by Pretty Ricky

Kelly Schlotman: "Disturbia" by Rihanna

Tessa McGuan: "Freeze" by T-pain

Boys' Varsity Tennis 22-2

Valparaiso 5-0
Lowell 5-0
North Central Invite
6th place
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 5-0
Culver 5-0
West Lafayette 3-2
Penn 5-0
Lafayette Jefferson 5-0
Harrison 5-0
Hobart 5-0
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Lake Central 5-0
Chesterton 4-1
Merrillville JV Invite
1st place
Crown Point 4-1
Merrillville 5-0

Post Season/Honors
Sectionals
Lake Central 4-1
Morton 5-0

Regionals
Crown Point 5-0
Highland 5-0

Semi-State
Northridge 5-0
Culver 4-1

State
Center Grove 1-4
Columbus North 2-3

Honors
All-District: Billy Heuer, Aaditya Shah, Eli Wilson, Austin Wynn
All-State: Billy Heuer
All-NCC First Team: Billy Heuer, Aaditya Shah, Eli Wilson, Austin Wynn, Chnadler Marcus, Ryan Heuer

lean back With a swing, No. 2 doubles player Ryan Heuer, freshman, volleys at Regionals. "Being on the team was something I will remember all my life," Heuer said. "It was a great experience." The team finished first at Regionals.

double trouble On his toes, No. 1 doubles player Austin Wynn, senior, anticipates the next play. "Getting along with your partner was the most important thing because if you didn't get along it would be hard to play together," Wynn said.

eyes on **state**

No. 1 singles player **Billy Heuer**, senior, finishes second in State.

How many years have you been playing tennis? "Probably about 11 years."

What are some awards that you have won. "All-State First Team, Pride, Hustle, and Desire and MVP."

What brand is your racket? "Yonex."

Why did you choose tennis? "It is a family sport. My dad played it and my mom did too. When I was two or three, I just picked up a racket and played."

What is something most people do not know about you? "I have been playing the piano since second grade."

What is one thing you love about tennis? "It always feels like every match is a chess game. You really can't be the best physically. You have to be the best mentally. If your opponent has one thing that you can't recognize, it can be used against you."

Did you have any pre-game rituals? "I listened to music. It varied from match to match. It depended on who the opponent was."

What was your most embarrassing moment? "We were in a huddle about to start saying a chant. [The chant] was supposed to be at a certain time, but I said it just a little too early."

Boys' Tennis *(front row)* Ryan Heuer, Viraj Maniar, Aaditya Shah, Billy Heuer, Chandler Marcus, Max Gershman, Austin Wynn, Eli Wilson, Rohan Warriar, Zakk Tritsch *(second row)* Head Coach Steve Lopez, Nikhil Bhagwat, Neil Kondamuri, Chris Hlebasko, Jacob Tepperman, Marcin Kuzma, Garrett Mintz, Matt Vlasich, Vivek Dassari, Abhinav Ravi, Nick Laszlo *(back row)* Assistant Coach Bill Karr, Jack Laszlo, Krishna Hegde, Chris Chyung, Steve Shih, Thomas Ramirez, Santosh Naeayan, Mohan Yin, Eric Galante, Anup Segu

and then **some**

Season's theme:
RESPECT
Team Record 22-0
Individual Records
110-15
Tennis history
35 Sectional titles
26 Regional titles
10 Semi-State titles

joking aside Joking with Coach Steve Lopez, social studies teacher, No. 1 doubles team Austin Wynn, senior, and Eli Wilson, junior, keep up their spirits. "[Coach Lopez] just joked to keep us happy and focused," Wynn said.

Aaditya Shah, sophomore

Aaditya Shah, sophomore
Rohan Warriar, senior

Eli Wilson, junior

balanced attack

Boys' Tennis gains respect as they finish 4th at State

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. The Boys' Tennis Team found out what respect meant to them. The word turned into the theme of the season, created by No. 1 doubles player Austin Wynn, senior.

"We needed to go down to Indy to gain respect," Wynn said. "We needed to show them that we deserved it."

The theme turned into reality with a season 22-0 record.

"We wanted to make sure we were looked at as serious competition," No. 1 singles player and captain Billy Heuer, senior, said. "We wanted to make sure that everyone knew who we were."

The team earned the respect they deserved at the Culver match, winning 4-1, according to Coach Steve Lopez, social studies teacher.

"We had lost to them last year at Semistate," Coach Lopez said. "We avenged last year's loss."

Heuer believed that the competition did not view Munster in the right frame of mind.

"We wanted respect," Heuer said. "I think we did that."

Undefeated in regular and post season, the Boys' Tennis Team wanted nothing more than to have "the perfect season." State remained the last obstacle standing in their way. The preparations began on day one.

"We focused throughout the year on the mental preparation," Coach Lopez said. "We always wanted to keep our cool and have our emotions in check during a match. It was a daily progress."

The team practiced everyday for three to four hours to prepare for State. The last match of the season, Columbus North, proved the most challenging aspect of the season, according to Wynn.

"It came down to 2-all and (No. 2 singles player) Aaditya Shah (sophomore) started cramping," Heuer said. "If little things went our way, we would have gotten third place."

Even though "the perfect season" didn't happen with the team finishing fourth at North Central during State on October 18, Heuer felt the season was "one to remember."

wait for it With racket in hand, No. 2 doubles player Chandler Marcus, sophomore, awaits the serve from his opponent. "We made it to State, which is something we don't normally do every year," Marcus said. The boys ended up placing fourth at State.

Varsity Volleyball 30-33

Calumet 3-0
Crown Point 3-0
Valparaiso 2-3
Lake Central 3-1
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 3-0
Knox 2-0
Huntington 2-0
Noblesville 2-1
South Bend
Washington 2-0
Andrean 1-3
Hobart 3-0
Portage 3-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Lafayette Jeff Trny
FW Snider 2-0
Alexandria 2-0
Penn 2-0
Elkhart Memorial 0-2
Griffith 3-0
Lowell 3-0
Crown Point Invite
New Prairie 2-0
St. Joe Michigan 2-0
South Bend St. Joe 2-1
Crown Point 2-1
Morton 3-0
Wheeler 3-0
Andrean 3-1
Hobart 3-0
Highland 3-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Gavit 3-0
Lake Central 3-1
Highland 3-0

JV 29-29

Calumet 2-0
Crown Point 2-0
Valparaiso 2-0
Michigan City
Marquette 2-0
Lake Central 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-1
Hobart 2-0
Michigan City Invite
Michigan City 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Mishawaka 2-0
Warsaw 2-0
Highland 2-0
Portage 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Morton 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Gavit 2-0
La Porte Invite
New Prairie 2-0
North Judson 2-0
LaPorte 2-0
Crown Point 2-0

Freshman 29-30

Calumet 2-0
Crown Point 2-0
Valparaiso invite
Griffith 2-0
East Chicago 2-0
Boone Grove 2-0
Valparaiso 1-2
Lake Central 2-0
Griffith 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Merrillville 2-0
LaPorte 2-1
Andrean 2-0
Highland 2-0
Portage 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Clark 2-0
Griffith 2-1
Bishop Noll 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Morton 2-0
Andrean 2-0
Lake Central Trny
Griffith 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Lake Central 2-0
Valparaiso 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Highland 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0

Bench Talk Coach Don Fortner

How long have you been coaching? "I've been coaching for about 22 years, from 1987-2009. First I was a volunteer, then I did Freshman and more recently was the Assistant Coach."

Who was the biggest opponent of this season? "Of the season, it was Penn. In our conference either Lake Central or Andrean. They both had different impacts. Also, at tournaments it would've been Elk Hart Memorial, which was the top team in the state."

What was the most valuable lesson you taught as a coach? "That you are part of a team. You have to learn to except roles on the team. It's not just about you."

What will you miss most about coaching? "Working with the people in terms of the coaches and volunteers and also the girls themselves. It was a good experience to get to know them in ways besides the classroom.

fire up Eye on the ball, Eryn Whiting (1), senior, serves. "For a proper serve, you needed a high toss in front of your right shoulder and you had to contact the ball high in front of you," Whiting said. "You swung through to put more power on the ball."

on guard Dedicating herself to the point, Heather Boyan (15), sophomore, applies her technique. "You were supposed to penetrate, so that the ball fell on the other side of the net," Boyan said. "Also, you should keep your hands open and your thumbs up."

Girls' Varsity Volleyball *(front row)* Jessica DeBoer, Laura Matula, Alex Doctor, Christina Pasyk, Kylie Morris, Eryn Whiting, Abbey Brokop, Taylor Lee *(back row)* Coach Janet Wories, Coach Bill Gray, Molly Sliwa, Toni Michalski, Anna Dorn, Heather Boyan, Stephanie Dwars, Coach Don Fortner, Coach Jenny Herold

Girls' JV Volleyball *(front row)* Christina Pasyk, Elizabeth Wadas, Jenna Cecil, Chrissy Lissy, Sam Salzeider, Shelby Sarnowski, Kristina Trasler, Kayla Macadlo *(back row)* Coach Janet Wories, Coach Bill Gray, Paige Spinks, Tiffany Madura, Stephanie Dwars, Alex Fimbianti, Becky Holt, Coach Don Fortner, Coach Jenny Herold

Girls' Freshman Volleyball *(front row)* Lauren Macadlo, Jamie Rogalski, Kari Dillner, Hayley Morris, Joanna Pugh, Angela Rokosz, Taylor Watrobka, Emily Miloikovitch *(back row)* Coach Janet Wories, Coach Bill Gray, Mary Skurka, Melissa Hajduch, Becky Andrews, Caley Mintz, Coach Don Fortner, Coach Jenny Herold

circle up After earning a point, juniors Alex Doctor (2) and Anna Dorn (11), and seniors Laura Matula (9) and Abbey Brokop (12), congratulate each other. "We're always talking or communicating because that's what kept us together as a team," Matula said. The team always tried to discuss plays between points, according to Matula.

Jenna Cecil, sophomore

Christina Pasyk, junior

Toni Michalski, senior

serving notice

co-captains lead girls to shared Conference title

Referring to themselves as "The Great Eight of '08," the varsity team earned a title far from ordinary.

Rather than having two captains, Head Coach Bill Gray and Assistant Coach Don Fortner, economics teacher, decided to have all eight seniors take the role of captain.

"A captain's responsibility was to take the concerns of the team as a whole into consideration and take up any issues the team members may have had with the coaches," floor captain Abbey Brokop, senior, said.

Brokop became floor captain due to her position as setter. Defending any bad plays defined her role in each match. The other seven seniors took turns with other game responsibilities, such as the coin flip.

The girls felt that having a captain was a vital part of completing the team. Coach Gray came up with an innovative idea and declared Coach Fortner take the position as "Head Captain." If any of the girls had concerns, they talked with him about them, according to Brokop.

All of the girls held the values of a captain, so the coaches agreed to shy away from official captains to prevent conflicts amongst the team members.

The idea of "The Great Eight of '08" struck during a summer meeting, where the team discussed T-shirts and it stuck throughout the season.

Sharing the Conference title with Andrean after beating them Oct. 2, the girls held a 30-33 season record.

After their loss Sept. 9 to Andrean, they were determined to show their abilities in the next match.

"Everyone was really on their game that day," Brokop said. "Andrean couldn't touch us."

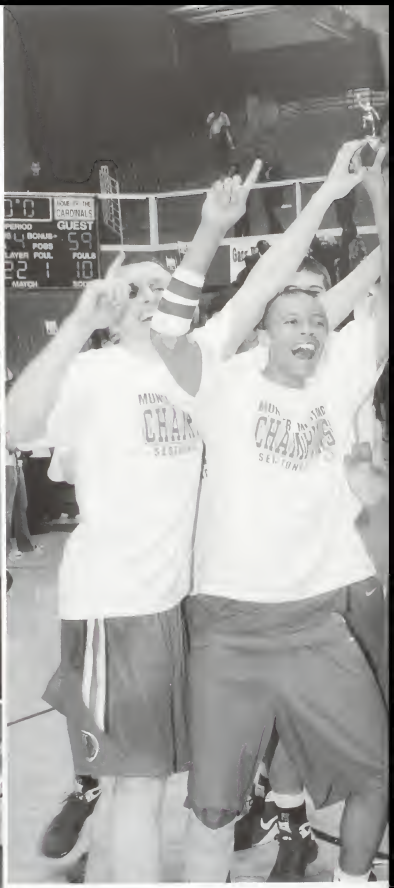
The team believed that they deserved the win against Andrean because they had stronger technique and dedication, according to Heather Boyan, sophomore.

"I think the best part of the season was beating Andrean," Boyan said. "We were so pumped to play them again and beat them because we knew we should've won the first time."

After earning the Co-Conference champion title, the team moved on to Sectionals, where they were quickly eliminated.

pay off

Climbing the ladder, forward Jay Gill (20), junior, cuts down his piece of net after the team's Sectional Championship. **In the air,** guard / forward Brian Stolarz (23), sophomore, goes for a layup. "Layups are really high percentage shots," Stolarz said. "We tried to get as many as we could." **With a warm embrace** Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher, gives captain Kraie Ruiz (3), senior, a hug after Ruiz cuts down a piece of the Regional Championship net. "When I was cutting down the net," Ruiz said, "I was thinking of cutting down the net at Semistate and watching us play at Conseco Fieldhouse."



head to head About to make a move, captain and guard Kraie Ruiz (3), senior, starts the first play of the 11-2 run in the fourth quarter of the Semistate game against Fort Wayne Snider. "When we made our 11-2 run the crowd made a roar--a roar you could feel inside of you," Ruiz said. "I think that we deserved to be there. We had nothing to lose and if there were 10 more seconds on the clock we might have been able to win it."

memorable moments

"The last 30 seconds of the Regional game. We knew we were going to win."

Jay Gill (20), junior

"The locker room after Regionals. Everyone was happy and we had a nice police escort on the ride home with fire truck sounding off telling everyone of our victory."

Zach Vega (44), junior

winning moment Held up high, the Boys' Basketball Team raises the Sectional Championship plaque in the air. "I was really happy to win our first Sectional Championship in nine years," center Alex McGuire (24), senior, said. "I knew that our coach was really proud of us and I was really proud of my team. "

Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher

Tony DiCostanzo, senior

Matt Gaskey, Krste Ruiz and Tony DiCostanzo, seniors

in high gear

boys advance to first Semistate in school history

As students walked into school March 17, they noticed something different. Plastered on the school walls, health teacher Coach Mike Hackett's face smiled back at all who passed.

The team asked assistant football coach Mr. Tom Largus, owner of Largus printing, "to make up some signs for people's cars and homes and he must've gotten the grand idea that it would be good to put my bald head out there," Coach Hackett said.

The build up of energy throughout the week got the students and players pumped for the Semistate game against Fort Wayne Snider at Warsaw.

"We were all looking forward to playing there in front of a big crowd," forward Brian Stolarz (23), sophomore, said.

Hundreds of superfans stood tightly together in the jam packed bleachers to support the boys.

"We really appreciated all the support that we had been getting from the fans and the community," Coach Hackett said.

The boys used the skills they had to try to beat Fort Wayne Snider. The game came down to the final minutes, but the boys came up short, losing 60-63.

Despite the loss, the players believed that the season was one to remember.

"We have done something that no other team has done," Stolarz said. "It was exciting to be a part of history."

Everyone on the team had a common goal—to win the first Sectional Championship in nine years.

The boys knew it wouldn't be easy, but that did not stop them from trying, and eventually succeeding.

"We had been practicing pretty hard and we made sure that everybody knew all the plays," captain and guard Krste Ruiz (3), senior, said.

Practicing after school from 3:10 p.m.

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"Winning Secionals and Regionals. We were the first to win Sectionals in nine years and the first to ever win Regionals."

Alex McGuire (24), senior

"Just the support from everyone. The whole time we had a great fan base and everyone was just really supportive of us."

Brian Stolarz (23), sophomore

"When Alex McGuire dunked during the Chesterton game. He is just a friend of mine and it was a really cool moment."

Tony DiCostanzo (32), senior

"Just playing in the Semistate game. It would have been amazing to play at State but I felt that the loss at Semistate could not ruin the amazing year that we have had."

Joe Crisman (5), sophomore

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to 5:45 p.m. and on Saturdays, the boys did whatever they could to prepare for the anticipated game.

"We had a lot of great players who went through here and none of them were able to pull it off," Ruiz said. "[Coach] Hackett had never won a Sectional and we hadn't won in nine years. Recruiters were paying attention to how I was going to lead my team through Sectionals and if we could do what other teams couldn't."

In fact the boys did just that. With the crowds and superfans cheering them on, the boys pulled out their final win at Sectionals against Gary West Side, 59-43.

After the win, the Regional title seemed even more obtainable.

"I knew we were a good team," guard Kyle Ritz (11), junior, said, "so I thought we had a good chance."

The game against Elkhart Memorial would determine if the boys would advance to Semistate.

As the buzzer sounded, the crowd roared with excitement as the team beat Elkhart Memorial, 48-39. "We are the Champions" resonated throughout the gym as the boys won their first Regional Championship in school history.

The Regional Tournament "was amazing," Coach Hackett said. "Having to win two games in one day was tough to accomplish. That was a proud moment for us."

Cheers and screams filled the air in an uproar as center Alex McGuire (24), senior, slam dunked in the first few minutes of the first quarter against Valparaiso Jan 31.

"[The dunk] pumped me up a lot," McGuire said. "It set the tempo for the game."

The game's intensity kept the crowd on edge.

"We needed that game, win or lose," Coach Hackett said. "We needed to be in a competitive game in a big atmosphere."

The boys started out in the lead during the first quarter but Valparaiso did not remain far behind. Valparaiso quickly caught up, and the game turned into a battle for points.

"It was a really big game," Ritz said. "A lot of people said we didn't play anyone tough, so it was a chance to prove we were a good team and that we could win."

The crowd bolted from the bleachers and ran out to the court to celebrate with the team as the boys pulled out a close win against Valparaiso, 49-45.

"The game was really close," McGuire said. "We figured it would come down to the wire, and that's exactly what happened.

take sides On the sidelines guards Josh Lukoshus (33), junior, Matt Gaskey (30), senior, Kevin Watterson (22), junior, and forward Jay Gill (20), junior, watch their teammates play against Fort Wayne Snider. "The Semistate atmosphere was really intense," Gill said.

slam dunk In the air, center Alex McGuire (24), senior, goes for a dunk. "My strategy was to try to get one (dunk) in every game," McGuire said. "I knew that it got the crowd into it and it gave us momentum."

move forward Ball in hand, guard Kyle Ritz (11), junior, plays against West Side in the Sectionals game at East Chicago. "The Sectional Championship was really exciting," Ritz said. "We were kind of nervous, but we knew if we played well, we would win."

wide open Scanning the court, forward Tony DiCostanzo (32), senior, searches for an open player during the Regional game against Elkhart Memorial. "I was just trying to stay in the game and trying to score," DiCostanzo said.

matter of **fact**

Conference	Northwest Crossroads
Record	24-2
State Rank	8 (AP poll)
Other Rankings	5th best defense in state
Strengths	pressure defense

Boys' JV Basketball *(front row)* Jake Osterman, Jack Cundiff, George Kanavos, Christian Young, Kyle Papesh, Jeff Lawler *(back row)* Coach Kevin Skurka, Jimmy Hinkleman, Nick Pellar, Luke Kurowski, Mark Strbjak, Matt Krueger, Coach Jake Argenta

Boys' Freshman Basketball *(front row)* Cade Conner, Giovanni Murillo, Oliver Sutter, Joe Pierson, Brett Ware *(second row)* Anthony Gomez, Brandon Hoekstra, Alex Renema, Lukas Nossem, Scott Jerge, Zack Strbjak *(back row)* Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Christian Catania, Alex Ingoglia, Christian Leonakis, Coach Greg Luksich

get pumped With motivation captain Kyste Ruiz (3), senior, pumps up his team by chanting "Yeah." "It was something we did every game to get the adrenaline going," Ruiz said. "It got us ready to play."

Boys' Varsity Basketball *(front row)* Joe Crisman, Josh Lukoshus, Kyle Ritz, Kyste Ruiz, Kevin Watterson, Matt Gaskey *(second row)* Alex McGuire, Zach Vega, Tony DiCostanzo, Coach Mike Hackett, Brian Stolarz, Justin Gill, Ricky Carbajal *(back row)* Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Trainer John Doherty, Coach Kevin Skurka, Coach Jeff Tucker, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Greg Luksich

Boys' Varsity Basketball 24-2

Hanover Central 81-49
Hammond High 74-35
Morton 48-27
East Chicago 65-48
Lake Central 56-55
Gavit 58-31
Mooresville 60-48
Kankakee Valley 76-48
Highland 57-24
Clark 75-35
Hobart 69-40
Lowell 68-35
Valparaiso 49-45
Griffith 64-35
Merrillville 49-58
Gary West 54-52
Chesterton 50-44
Andrean 80-31
Calumet 76-23
Gary Wallace 54-51

Sectionals
Lowell 76-42
Highland 51-34
Gary West 59-43

Regionals
South Bend Clay 44-34
Elkhart Memorial 48-39

Semistate
Fort Wayne Snider 60-63

Honors
NCC Champs
Sectional Champs
Regional Champs

JV Basketball 18-2

Hanover Central 48-24
Hammond High 57-42
Morton 37-30
East Chicago 57-52
Lake Central 46-44
Gavit 56-28
Wheeler 48-36
Kankakee Valley 65-34
Highland 38-22
Clark 58-24
Hobart 49-24
Lowell 48-37
Valparaiso 21-30
Griffith 60-16
Merrillville 45-42
Gary West 55-37
Chesterton 42-25
Andrean 53-41
Calumet 72-31
Gary Wallace 49-29

Freshman Basketball 18-2

Gary Wallace 41-35
Lowell 59-30
Crown Point 51-25
Highland 45-29
Clark 31-23
Morton 50-32
Hobart 55-22
Portage 45-29
Lake Central 44-37
Bishop Noll 51-32
Chesterton 47-42
Griffith 60-7
Hammond High 34-28
East Chicago 32-32
Andrean 35-27
Highland Tourney
Lake Central 38-42
Crown Point 42-45
Merrillville 44-38
Calumet 43-21
Valparaiso 32-31
B Team
7-3
Gary Wallace 28-8
Lowell 2-Jun
Crown Point 34-36
Hobart 34-21
Portage 21-23
Lake Central 30-40
Andrean 51-22
Merrillville 55-52
Valparaiso 37-34

iron leg With her leg brace on, Kristin Brajak, junior, passes the ball. "At the beginning of the season, I was really worried how much my leg would hurt my performance," Brajak said. "Eventually, I just got used to it." Brajak underwent surgery in the off-season for a torn ACL, which she used her leg brace to help protect.

play maker Planning the next play, Kara Curosh, junior, leads the girls during the third quarter. "I loved spending time with the team," Curosh said. "It was fun getting to know my team mates."

two's company Warming up before the game, captain Leigh Fimbianti, senior, and Gabby Roque, sophomore, relieve their pre-game jitters. "During warm-ups, we always tried to make jokes and laugh off the pressure," Roque said.

heat of the moment With the pressure on, captain Brianne Rubesha, senior, looks for help during Sectionals. "There was only a few seconds left in the game," Rubesha said. "Looking back, I should have relaxed more, but I was in the moment." The team lost 36-59.

charge ahead Looking for a teammate, Molly Scott, junior, dribbles down court. "I loved everything about basketball," Scott said. "I loved my team mates, the intensity, and the season in general."

beating the clock Eyes looked on the scoreboard, Molly Scott, junior, checks the time. "Before every game, Coach Davidson would talk about the upcoming game and what we needed to do at certain times during the game," Scott said. "More importantly, he would tell us what we needed to do to win."

Kara Curosh, junior

Molly Scott, junior

Alex Fimbianti, sophomore

bracing for pressure

girls improve throughout season, but fall short of Sectional title

Pulling off the upset, the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won all three games against Griffith, Merrillville and Calumet.

Beating the Griffith Panthers, 45-44, the game came down to the last seconds.

"Sarah Posey [senior] made the game winning shot with seconds left," Marisa Meneghetti, junior, said.

The Merrillville game also provided a different type of game.

"We pulled off the upset under tough circumstances," Coach Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher, said. "I couldn't be at the game due to family illness and captain Brianne Rubesha [senior] was just getting over the stomach flu."

With Coach Davidson out, Assistant Coach Chris Tomcsi, math teacher, stepped up for the night.

"Everyone was curious to see how Coach Tomcsi would do as Head Coach," captain Sarah Posey, senior, said. "He was spectacular. We won 45-42."

Beating Calumet, 49-40, the team pulled off their third consecutive upset.

"All three games were close games that we weren't expected to win," Kristin Brajak, junior, said. "The wins were outstanding and no one expectected the underdogs to come out on top."

Going into the Conference game against Highland, the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team had momentum on their side. With four consecutive wins, the girls went in for the Northwest Conference Crossroads title.

"This game allowed us to share the title with Hobart," Coach Davidson said. "The girls were very pumped for the game and played extremely well defensively."

Rallying point for point during the first half of the game, the team pushed themselves to win, 37-24.

"The beginning of the game was intense," Jenna Pagane, sophomore, said, "but we pulled ahead in the fourth to win."

For Rubesha, her last chance for a Conference title ended on a high note. The game brought the gold home for the Lady Mustangs after taking a year hiatus with their last title in 2006.

"It felt awesome to win," Rubesha said. "It was my last Conference game in a Mustang uniform and I wanted that victory."

Girls' Varsity Basketball
11-10
Chesterton 35-74
Andrean 54-49
University 31-54
Tippecanoe Valley 37-46
Knox 59-41
Lake Central 35-43
Hobart 31-39
Lowell 48-40
Gary West 34-44
Griffith 45-44
Merrillville 45-42
Calumet 49-40
Penn 24-54
Morton 54-18
Kankakee Valley 41-35
Highland 37-24
East Chicago 42-55
Gary Wirt 42-21
Bowman Academy 68-33
Hammond High 39-57
Gary West 36-59

JV
11-6
Chesterton 32-38
Andrean 38-23
University 54-21
Lake Central 19-33
Hobart 43-34
Lowell 33-21
Gary West 55-26
Griffith 32-36
Merrillville 26-39
Calumet 51-27
Penn 19-53
Morton 49-5
Kankakee Valley 46-29
Highland 23-28
East Chicago 37-16
Gary Wirt 60-39
Hammond 38-26

Freshman
7-11
Hobart 19-21
Lake Central 2-35
Andrean 27-21
Bishop Noll 24-12
Lowell 23-32
Highland 26-16
Gavit 19-26
Kankakee Valley 29-26
Portage 17-14
Crown Point 22-38
Highland 20-17
Griffith 15-21
Valparaiso 22-30
Merrillville 22-23

air bud Jumping for the ball, Alex Fimbianti, sophomore, goes in for the steal. "My best game was Tippecanoe Valley," Fimbianti said. "I was a big factor in the game."

Senior Leaders of the **pack**

Leigh Fimbianti (33) – Center

"I would say the best part of being a captain was that everybody looked up to me and came to me when there was a problem. It was nice to have that kind of influence on the team."

"If something went wrong in a game or on the team, most of the heat was put on the captains. Everybody looked to us for answers. It was tough, but worth it in the end."

Brianne Rubesha (13) –Guard/Forward

"The best part of being a captain was having all the underclassmen come up to me and feel comfortable enough to ask for advice. Also, being able to help girls become better for future years."

"The worst part of being a captain was trying to please everyone and make everyone happy."

Sarah Posey (24) –Guard

"The best part was encouraging others to work hard and be a role model for the freshmen. Other players looked up to me which provided a joyful feeling of respect."

"After a tough loss or a hard practice, the players looked to the captains to lift their spirits."

Girls' Freshman Basketball Team *(front row)* Kayla Keith, Morgan Boyd, Morgan Newton, Alexis Grubisich, Hannah Buvala, Lyndsey Spyrka *(back row)* Becky Andrews, Deepa DeVanathn, Coach Kyleen Eden, Melissa Hajduch, Sarah Dedelow

Girls' Varsity Basketball Team *(front row)* Alyssa Sheets, Molly Scott, Kara Curosh, Kristin Brajak, Brianne Rubesha, Sarah Posey, Marisa Meneghetti, Aleks Obradric *(second row)* Alyssa Salata, Jennifer Walton, Gabby Rogue, Alex Fimbianti, Leigh Fimbianti, Jenna Pagane, Patty Pfister *(back row)* Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Kyleen Eden, Coach Jim Davidson, Coach Chris Tomcsi

winner takes all Using all her strength, captain Leigh Fimbianti, senior, fights for the ball. "For me, the hardest part of the game was fighting for the victory," Fimbianti said. "I always wanted to win and when we didn't, I took it pretty hard."

focused attack Eyes focused on the ball, Kara Curosh, junior, defends the basket. "My favorite part of the game was defense," Curosh said. "It was quick and always moving."

team up Hands up before the game, the team gathers around for motivation. "Team bonding allowed everyone to express themselves," captain Sarah Posey, senior, said. "It allowed us to have a good time."

Girls' JV Basketball Team *(front row)* Alyssa Sheets, Kaelyn Toth, Julie Purogel, Jenna Pagane, Nina Ogrizovich, Elodie Enger, Lauren Grunewald *(back row)* Coach Bob Shinkan, Alyssa Schweitzer, Kari Dillner, Caley Mintz, Aleks Obradoric, Kathryn Merritt, Jennifer Walton, Patty Pfister

little by **little**

captain Brianne Rubesha, senior

How many years have you been playing basketball? "10 years."

How did you get involved with it? "I enjoyed playing in my backyard so my parents signed me up for Munster Youth Basketball."

What was your favorite memory of MHS basketball? "The Andrean game my senior year. It was my 18th birthday and all my friends came. Also, it was our first Conference win."

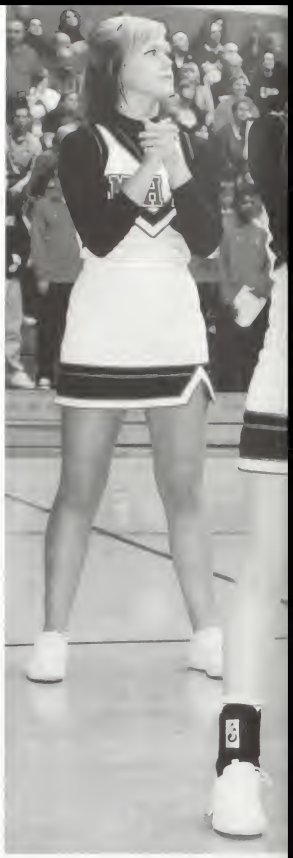
What advice would you give to future players? "Play every game as if it were your last. Give it your all at every moment."

Say **what?**
basic cheer terms

Banana–the performer arches her back and reach upwards, usually only done during a combination jump or riding up a basket toss.
Deadman–the flier falls backwards or forwards out of a stunt and three or four people catch her.
Flier–the performer is elevated by the base and is on top of the pyramid.
Hurkie-a jump with one leg bends towards the ground and the other is out to the side as high as it can go in the toe touch position.
Liberty-a lift in which the flier has one foot in both of the base's hands; The flier's other leg is bent.
Scorpion-while in a Liberty, the flier grabs her toe of the bent leg and brings it up almost behind her head.

adrenaline rush
Hands clasped together, Elizabeth Klisser, junior, cheers on the basketball team. "Stunting was my favorite part of cheerleading," Elizabeth said. "It was the most physical activity we did, and it was fun to show off at games."

catch me if you can
High above the ground, Emily Whiting, senior, prepares for the catch. "My favorite way to dismount was the basket toss," Whiting said. "We did it all year and I always knew they would catch me."



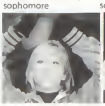
Varsity Cheerleading *(front row)* Emily Whiting, Alyssa Adcock, Stephanie Mirabelli *(second row)* Cassandra Drillias, Nicole Raynor, Kelly Wold, Elizabeth Klisser *(back row)* Katie Silaj, Bailey Voss, Lindsay Hayes, Lizzy Stone, Erica Keeler

JV Cheerleading *(front row)* Chelsea Aidinovich, Gigi Chioros, Amber Callahan *(second row)* Shailee Kumar, Leslie Salisbury, Rachael Nelson, Lauren McGill *(back row)* Miriam Stock, Meagan Simmons, Kayla Smith, Alexa LaRock, Jeanie Dedelow

Freshman Cheerleading *(front row)* Taylor Brozovic, Hannah Colias, Cara Leeney *(second row)* Alyssa Minton, London Borom, Melissa Vlahu, Anna Shehigian *(back row)* Megan Welch, Sarah Kinser, Lorin Levitan

Cassandra Drillias, senior
Lindsay Hayes, senior

Chelsea Aidinovich, sophomore



Kelly Wold, senior

in good spirits

pushing through disqualification, girls cheer on to victory

Despite a disqualification that affected the Varsity Cheerleading Team's Semistate, it didn't defeat their spirit, according to Alyssa Adcock, senior.

"In October, our music went over two seconds," Kelly Wold, senior, said. "We were disqualified."

This disqualification had a devastating impact on the team, according to Wold.

"It was very upsetting especially because it was my last year on the team," Adcock said. "It was important to us to show that cheering meant a lot to all of us, so we looked for other competitions to enter."

With their October disqualification, the squad decided to focus more time on cheers and builds during sporting events.

"We went out for full time-outs and between the first and second (quarters) and then again between the third and fourth," Cassandra Drillias, senior, said. "The starting five at the beginning of the game, we would come out as an entire team to perform."

Another challenging aspect of the season included the limitations put on what builds the team could perform.

"We weren't allowed to do basket tosses without mats," Wold said. "We also couldn't twist down on the gym floors anymore."

These precautions proved important as the team suffered from an injury.

"Lis Klisser broke her ankle and that really set us back," Drillias said. "We had our competition routine complete and then we had to bring up JV and start all over again."

Despite all the challenges the team overcame, they stuck together and had fun doing so, according to Drillias.

we're number one Hands in the air, captain Lizzy Stone, senior, cheers on the basketball team at Regionals. "Football was so far away, but with basketball, you were right on the court, " Stone said.

Hands clapping With her eye on the score, Katie Silaj, junior, performs a time-out cheer.

be fierce Suppressing her laugh, Shelby Taylor, senior, finishes a football routine. "The pose at the end of the dance was an inside joke," Taylor said. "Football season really allowed us to grow as a team." The team finishes a halftime performance (below) with their kickline

Varsity Dance Team *(front row)* Elizabeth Leslie, Molly Tribou, Shelby Taylor, Tanya Djuric, Rizzie Fisher, Ryanne Abraham, Amanda Porter *(second row)* Rebecca Bernardi, Lainey Williams, Taylor Marcus, Kristen Slaboski, Nicole Montella, Megan Nowaczyk *(back row)* Kristen Hines, Ellen Wynn, Taylor Kmack, Emily Anderson, Nicole Rakich, Jackie Malayter, Chelsey Wallace

By the **numbers**

Tubes of glitter applied to the face
2

Pairs of tights worn out during competition
3

Packages of Sour Patch Watermelon eaten
15

Bobby pins used throughout competition season
108

Dancing to the **top**

Regionals: Pom–2nd Place
Jazz–2nd Place
Hip-Hop–2nd Place

State: Pom–3rd place
Jazz–3rd Place
Hip-Hop–4th Place

ready, set, dance Fingers working quickly, Megan Nowaczyk, sophomore, braids Lainey Williams', junior, hair. **Chin up,** Elizabeth Leslie, senior, performs the Pom routine at the Lake Central Dance Invitational. **With a less** than normal dance, the large ensemble competes at the Lake Central Dance Invitational. "Our song and costumes were so unique which made it really fun to dance," Rizzie Fisher, senior, said.

october skies Hitting the final pose, captain Ryanne Abraham, senior, finishes a football routine. "I loved being on the sidelines in the fall weather and doing halftime dances that no one knew," Abraham said. "Football games were what high school was all about."

Rebecca Bernardi, sophomore

Shelby Taylor, senior

Kristen Slaboski, junior

draw the line

girls make most out of their drive to State

15 minutes. For most girls, getting ready for Turnabout requires a daylong process. For the members of the Large Ensemble, seniors Ryanne Abraham, Tanya Djuric and Rizzie Fisher; juniors Nicole Montella and Lainey Williams; and sophomore Megan Nowaczyk, they got ready in 15 minutes.

"The Flames," their nickname from their song title "Night of the Dancing Flame," had the Indiana High School Dance Team Association Solo and Ensemble State competition in Rossville, IN, the same day as Turnabout.

"When we found out State was the same day as Turnabout, we just planned not to go (to the dance)," Nowaczyk said. "We worked too hard to not compete."

The girls arrived home at 8:45 p.m. with a second place trophy and time to burn.

"All of our friends were at Turnabout that night," Tanya Djuric, senior, said. "We had no one to celebrate with."

The ensemble made plans to go to the dance at 9 p.m., with exactly 15 minutes to get ready.

"That was the fastest I've ever gotten ready for a dance," Williams said. "I just put on an old dress, brushed my hair, and left."

The girls walked into the gym, ready to dance some more.

"It was so ironic because everyone was stressing over how they looked at home, while we were hoping all of our hard work paid off in Rossville," Abraham said. "We were at Turnabout for an hour and had the time of our lives. I don't think most girls can say that."

"Will you be my valentine, Lake Central?"

The Lake Central Dance Invitational took place Feb. 14. With love in the air, the team competed in Pom, Jazz and Hip-hop. The girls placed first in Jazz and Hip-hop, and second in Pom.

"Lake Central was the first time our dances were cleaned and perfected," Taylor Marcus, junior, said. "We had so much practice that we could just perform from within and not worry about the title or ranking."

What would become a point-for-point battle with Crown Point in the Pom category, the team came within 1.3 points from first place.

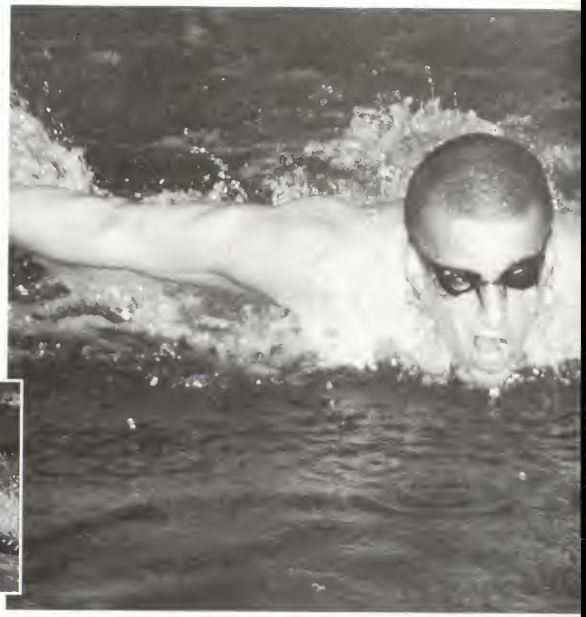
"That competition made us work harder because our Pom score was so close to Crown Point," Ellen Wynn, freshman, said. "We wanted to beat them so badly and at Lake Central, it became a greater realization for us."

With their hearts beating to the tune of first place, the team now set their eyes on State.

butterfly effect

Kevin Behrens,
sophomore

- Finished second at State in the 100-yard Butterfly with 48.18, right behind Kyle Whitaker from Chesterton High School with 47.85.
- On Jan. 13, he returned from the Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Guam as part of the USA Swimming Junior Team, where he ranked 6th in the 100-meter Butterfly and 14th in the 100-meter Backstroke.
- "After Guam I just might be on the Olympic team," Behrens said. "My goals are to make the Olympic team and swim in college. I just have to keep practicing and pushing harder."



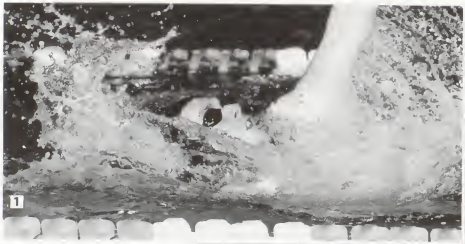
Varsity Boys' Swimming and Diving 10-0-1

Penn 148-38
Griffith 151-35
Munster Relays 1st place
Kankakee Valley 143-42
Valparaiso 132-54
Lowell 143-38
Hamilton South Eastern Splash 1st place
Lake Central 119-67
Highland Invite 1st place
South Bend Riley 122-63
Hobart 133-49
Highland 143-37
Merrillville 138-48
Chesterton 93-93

NCC meet 1st place
Sectionals 1st place
State 2nd (tie)

Honors

NCC Champs
Sectional Champs (24th consecutive Sectional title)
State Runner-up
State Meet–200 Medley Relay–2nd (Dillon Thompson, Joe Wulf, Kevin Behrens, Corey Bandura)
100 Fly & Back–2nd
Kevin Behrens



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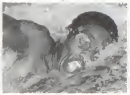
Competitive edge
Splashing through the water, Murray Crabtree, junior, doing the backstroke. **With his 200 Free Style** time at 1:45.15, Adam Mayer, senior, feels comfortable with the stroke. "I just grew into it, and it fit me well," Mayer said. His familiarity with the stroke paid off as he came in fourth at State. **Coming up for air** at the Chesterton meet, Drake Hauflaire, junior, competes in the Breast Stroke. "It was a pretty intense meet, everyone was so pumped for it," Hauflaire said, The Breast Stroke topped as Drake's best time. **Finger pointed,** Daniel Linnear, senior, cheers on his teammates to pump them up.

Frank Rapin, sophomore



Josh Martin, sophomore

Greg Meyer, senior

fly to new heights

boys swim to three-way tie for second at State

Glancing at the scoreboard, the team looked shocked. For the first time in history, they shared a three-way tie with North Central and Carmel for second place at State.

"I thought it was amazing that we got second, tying or not," Adam Mayer, senior, said. "I loved that I was able to be a part of that team and able to swim at State."

With only a few upsets the team felt content with their performances, according to Murray Crabtree, junior. Crabtree went from seated 16th to seventh in the 100 backstroke during the preliminaries, which helped out the team in the finals.

"After my back (stroke), I was happy because I knew I made top 16 and would help our team have a shot," Crabtree said. "When I was warming up for my relay, I found out I was in the top eight which excited me because I didn't expect that."

Along with Crabtree's finish, Kevin Behrens, sophomore, took two second places in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Corey Bandura, senior, took seventh place in the 100 free style. While Joe Wulf, junior, took sixth place in the 100 breast stroke, and Dillon Thompson, sophomore, took eighth place in the 100 Individual Medley (IM).

As the team returned to Munster, fire trucks and police cars escorted them to notify the town of their success.

"Being escorted was the coolest thing ever," Wulf said. "It made State that much better because we were being recognized as a top team."

back up On the edge of the diving board, Matt Poulos, junior, prepares for an inverted 1½ pike. "The dive was really difficult and it startled the crowd," Poulos said. Although the dive was an audience pleaser, Matt's favorite dive was a forward 1½, with a twist.

Varsity Boys' Swimming and Diving *(front row)* Collin Henson, Henry Gallagher, David Straka, Kyle Ruckert, Evan Frystak, Eric Dobis *(second row)* Dillion Thompson, Josh Martin, Adam Mayer, Zach Wallar, Greg Meyer, Corey Bandura, Daniel Linnear, Kevin Behrens, Max Kilibarda, Casey King, Coach Morgan Nolan *(third row)* Joe Wulf, John Gaskill, Patrick Raycroft, Travis Kmetz, Drake Hauflaire, Joey Belkairous, Frank Rapin, Coach Janel Tobias, Coach Matt Pavlovich *(back row)* Matt Poulos, Albert Terpstra, Jonathan Panos, Nicholas Kiesling, Michael Goldenberg, Cole Briggs, Murray Crabtree, Britt Danzer

Girls' Swimming 7-4

Penn 82-104
Hobart 152-25
Highland 138-47
Griffith 125-60
Kankakee Valley 126-59
Valparaiso 119-67
Lowell 116-67
Lake Central 117-69
Highland Invitational 2nd place
NCC meet 1st
Merrillville 120-66
Chesterton 71-115

Sectionals 1st
State 14th

back and forth With a quick breath, Elle Kirby, senior, propels her body forward. "I compete in Freestyle," Kirby said. "I've been swimming for seven years and I've always done free."

Girls' Varsity Swim Team *(front row)* Cassie Pakan, Emily Scholtz, Elizabeth Hasse, Autumn Gonzalez, Joann Wakefield, Danielle Koultorides, Brittany Gilbert, Amanda Osborne, Sarah Sikora *(second row)* Katie Dobis, Gabbi Rapin, Stephanie Ruiz, Elle Kirby, Alison Bergmann, Arianna Diaz, Shirin Kamalipour, Colleen Anderson, Courntey Hoyle, Brittany Goralczyk *(third row)* Jillian Homans, Nina Damjanovich, Kathryn Frakes, Paige Patterson, Elaine Pitsas, Emily Chen, Stacey Wierman, Coach Janel Tobias, Coach Terry Specyal *(last row)* Haley Barfoot, Courtney Lagestee, Brittaney Bermingham, Karly Taylor, Monica Lee, Megan Welch, Cara Leeney, Haley Bolanswski, Katie Taylor

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by the numbers

up each morning for practice
4:30 a.m.

Swimsuits owned
3

Years participated in swimming
4

Bottles of shampoo used for the season
5
Courtney Hoyle, senior

2

at every turn Head turned, Brittany Gilbert, freshman, sucks in air between strokes. "I think Freestyle is the hardest," Gilbert said. "Timing your breath was difficult and when you turned, you could see the competition more easily than any other stroke." **fly high** Lunging forward, Katie Dobis, junior, lifts her arms during the Butterfly. "Butterfly really worked out your abs," Dobis said. "You not only had to pull forward, but you had to move the rest of your body up and down too." **back it up** Arm stretched above her head, Emily Scholtz, sophomore, makes her way down the pool. "Backstroke was my event," Scholtz said. "I was fastest and best at it."

3

high flyer Gaining air before diving, Courtney Lagestee, sophomore, points her toes. "I had been diving since I was 12," Lagestee said. "I've had my fair share of bad landings but as long as you streamlined your body, there weren't problems."

with every breath Body crawling forward, Joanna Marinakos, junior, focuses on her breaststroke. "Breaststroke is relaxing," Marinakos said, "While it moves at a fast pace, it isn't as rushed as free or fly."

Katie Dobis, junior

Stephanie Ruiz, senior

Sarah Sikora, junior

reaching their stride

Girls glide through season to finish 14th at State competition

While he ended up soaked to the bone after soaring into the pool feet first, the Girls' Swim Team Coach Terry Specyal did not care about getting wet after how the girls performed at the Sectional meet.

The Lady Seahorses swam through the water to claim the Sectional title, outswimming their biggest rival, second place Crown Point, 356-328.5.

"It was amazing," Specyal said. "I told the girls we were going to win. We were making sure we were good sports, and this was just amazing. We didn't know what would happen because Crown Point had a strong team and the whole season, they just looked like our equal. Our girls responded and raced well."

The girls won nine of the 12 events. All three Munster relay teams qualified for State, and eight individuals headed to Indianapolis to compete in the meet.

"I knew we could do it from the beginning. We just had to clear our minds beforehand," Katie Dobis, sophomore, said. "It all came down to who wanted it more."

Another sweet moment for the girls came as Munster's 400-yard free relay team of freshmen Jillian Homans and Brittany Gilbert; Elaine Pitsas, sophomore; Stacey Wierman, junior, finished in 3:33.87, shattering both the Sectional and pool records.

As the locker room door shut and freshmen Jillian Homans and Gilbert entered the pool on the first day of practice, they knew what to expect. It was their coaches, Coach Specyal and Mrs. Janel Tobias, science teacher, who were surprised as the girls swam beyond expectations.

"Jillian had a willingness to put everything she had into every set," Coach Specyal said. "She made herself work so hard to the point where she got sick."

This inner flame became fanned by the desire to get her name on the record board in the pool area, according to Homans.

"I want to break high school records," Homans said. "Sometimes, just looking at the record board reminded me that I have a goal in mind."

Gilbert agreed with Homans that motivation remained key to their success during the season.

"I focused on different aspects to help get better. Endurance had been something that I had to really work on," Gilbert said.

This determination proved rewarding as Homans and Gilbert broke the Lady Seahorses freshman record in the 200-yard medly relay along with Joann Wakefield and Amanda Osborne.

"It's just great to know that all the practice paid off," Gilbert said.

Wrestling
11-7
McCutcheon 26-47
Elkhart Memorial 10-60
Delphi 39-32
Lowell 57-24
Chesterton 29-34
Kankakee Valley 37-34
Andrean 69-12
Avon 26-41
Cathedral 6-59
Anderson Highland 52-21
Warren Central 34-43
East Central 34-36
Griffith 67-13
Michigan City 52-22
Concord 57-17
New Prairie 62-12
East Noble 42-27
Highland 52-25

Post-Season/ Honors
Homewood-Flossmoor Invite 1st
Lake County Tournament 4th place

NCC Wrestling Tournament 2nd place
NCC Dual Season Champions 6-0
NCC Champions:
103- Aurelio Medina
140- Alex Surma

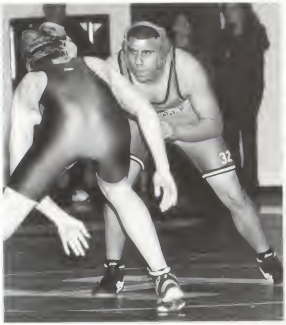
Sectional 1st
Team Regional 12-57
Sectional Champions:
140- Alex Surma
152- Aaron Estrada

Regional Champions:
140- Alex Surma
152- Aaron Estrada

Semistate Qualifiers:
103- Aurelio Medina
140- Alex Surma
152- Aaron Estrada

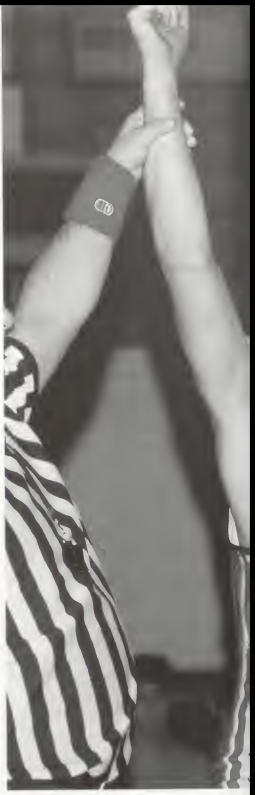
State Finals Qualifiers:
103- Aurelio Medina
140- Alex Surma
152- Aaron Estrada

end of the line Going down the line, Adrian Gutierrez, junior, gets pumped up for his match. "The best meet had to be Indianapolis Warren Central," Gutierrez said. "because that is where we came to realize that we were good."



eye to eye Staring straight into his opponent's face, Martin Ortiz, senior, begins his match. "I personally really didn't do that well this year," Ortiz said, "but when the team won I felt like I helped someway."

out of practice Faces towards the mat, juniors Adrian Gutierrez and captain Alex Surma fine tune their skills at practice. "Every day we did drills with each other," Gutierrez said. "That's when we got the opportunity to practice moves for when we met the competition."



on a silver platter

the so-called "hungriest" team consume limited calories on competition days

Aaron Estrada	Chicken 230 Calories	Pedialyte 100 Calories	Vegetables 67 Calories
Clint Boelt	Yogurt 118 Calories	Yogurt 118 Calories	Water 0 Calories
Jack Seaman	Muffin 126 Calories	Gatorade 50 Calories	Peanut butter & jelly sandwich 500 Calories
Andy Lucas	Gatorade 50 Calories	Yogurt 118 Calories	Peanuts 89 Calories

hold out Back in the game, Clint Boelt, junior, trys to pin his opponent. "It was my second game after I came back from an ankle injury," Boelt said. "I lost by only one point."

Coachs Tim and Bob Maldonado

Dan Grubisich, Junior

Justin Slosser, junior

show of hands

Sending three to State, boys slam out competition

Repeating beats blasted through the speakers as the Boys' Wrestling Team began practice.

The boys always started off practices to the songs "Just Dance" by Lady Gaga, and listened to "Float On" by Modest Mouse a few times, according to Clint Boelt, junior.

As practice began, the boys danced and goofed off and had a good time before a hard practice for the upcoming matches, according to captain Mike Adams, senior.

Off to a slow start at the beginning of the year, the boys struggled to pull out wins because of injured players. As the season continued, they defeated almost every team that came to the mat.

"We had a lot of injuries to start the season," Coach Dan Gelarden, Wilbur Wright Middle School science teacher, said. "So we had to stay sharp during practices while trying to get some of those injuries healed."

The last few matches were grueling; they seemed like a warm up for Sectionals, Boelt explained. He added that all of the wrestlers tried to polish all of their techniques, so they would be ready for Sectionals. They practiced during games and pushed that extra mile during practices to prepare.

"The best meet of the year definitely had to be when we faced Hobart. Until then we had never beaten Hobart head-to-head at Hobart, Boelt said. "We came out in the end with Justin [skinny] Slosser pulling out a big win to seal our victory."

Placing in the top four in every tournament and knocking teams out at the end of the season, the boys' finished second in Conference, and they topped Sectionals in first.

Almost 10,000 people packed the Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The crowd went wild and crazy as State began, according to captain Aaron Estrada, senior. Estrada became the only team member to qualify for State four times. He placed fourth at State, competing alongside junior Alex Surma and sophomore Aurelio Medina, and ended his high school career with four sectional championships and three regional championships.

"My first match at State was on a Friday night," Estrada said. I faced a senior from Muncie Southside who was ranked sixth in the state; I was third. People expected me to win, but a lot said he should, too.". "There was a lot at stake for both of us because whoever won placed in the top eight automatically, but if you lost, your career was over for high school, because we were both seniors. I won in overtime, 6-4 with a last second take down."

Along with Estrada, Surma placed eighth, and Medina placed sixth, and for the first time, three wrestlers from Munster qualified for Individual State.

win the day Hand high, Justin Slosser, junior, wins a match for the team. "The best game was at Hobart," Slosser said. "I was the second to last wrestler and my match decided if we won or not."

make a face Squeezing hands with his opponent, Luke Smith, sophomore, tries to win for the team. "Overall the season was good," Smith said. "We hoped to do better but things didn't go that way."

Varsity Baseball 11-16

Mount Vernon 5-7
Terre Haute South 6-4
New Haven 1-5
Merrillville 6-3
Lake Central 1-5
Crown Point 2-14
Portage 2-5
Bishop Noll 7-0
Hobart 14-4
Lowell 10-0
Griffith 14-13
Kankakee Valley 5-12
Andrean 0-11
Highland 2-5
Clark 4-5
Hobart 14-8
Lowell 14-9
Valparaiso 4-8
LaPorte 4-10
Griffith won
Kankakee Valley 5-6
Andrean 1-11
Highland 6-5
Boone Grove 6-8
Ft. Wayne
Concordia 16-3
Bellmont 3-6

Sectionals

Lake Central 3-4

JV Basketball 14-7

Crown Point 6-4
Portage 9-4
Bishop Noll 13-14
Hobart 4-2
Lowell 3-10
LaPorte 1-11,
9-8
Griffith 9-5
Kankakee Valley 17-1
Valparaiso 10-15
Merrillville 3-8
Hobart 14-4
Lowell 9-2
Griffith 9-5
Kankakee Valley 14-4
Andrean 9-2
Highland 12-4
Boone Grove 6-5,
12-2
Lake Central 0-8

Freshman Baseball 17-2

Lake Central 13-6
Chesterton 12-1
Andrean 6-5,
11-4
Highland 17-7
Crown Point 6-5,
11-5
Portage 12-2,
9-4
Boone Grove 13-3,
14-1
Kankakee Valley 9-3
Chesterton 5-0
Highland 3-4
Griffith 19-9
Merrillville 11-1
Bishop Noll 24-5
McCutcheon 11-5
Lake Central 7-8

perfect pitch About to let go of a fastball, pitcher Kevin Watterson, junior, focuses on his target. "I guess I had a ritual I did before every game," Watterson said. "I put my uniform on the same way."

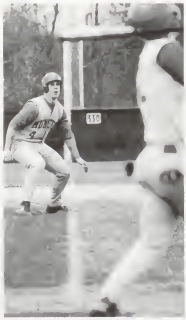
what's the score Clipboard in hand, Mr. Fred Somenzi marks down information on statistics and scores. "He was the grandpa of the team," Ryan Wilkinson, junior, said. "He gave us high fives before and after each game."

touch base In the infield Matt Brosovic, junior, waits for a hit. "This year I played third," Brosovic said. "I liked third base because you got a lot of hard hit balls."

Freshman Baseball *(front row)* Zach Strbjak, Andrew Zachau, Scott Jerge, Ethan Flahaven, Chrismantian Catania *(second row)* Cade Conner, Colin Mudroncik, Christian Leonakis, Oliver Sutter, Chris Slivka, Ben Becher *(back row)* Mark Strbjak, Scott Crilly, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Tony Cress, Anthony Gomez

JV Baseball *(front row)* Evan Sylvester, Oliver Sutter, Jordan Raynor, Mike Vitkus, Kyle Wargo, Coach Matt Backs *(back row)* Jake Osterman, Joel Brumm, Matt Poulos, Matt Farrell, Tom Costello, Matt Fehring

Varsity Baseball *(front row)* Mark Dye, Kevin Heinrich, John Cristo, TJ Hecimovich, Kevin Watterson, Simon Webb, Cody Eitzen *(second row)* Head Coach Bob Shinkan, Kurt Leeney, Nate Eagan, Michael Adams, Ray Lopez, Matt Brosovic, Mike Erwin, Coach Jeff Rosen *(back row)* Jerrett Tite, Jimmy Hinkleman, Kevin Nossem, Demetrios Pitsas, Josh Lukoshus, Larry Allen, Ryan Wilkinson



on the line Next to third base, Kevin Nossem, senior, watches for his chance to make a run to home. "You have to get in the pitcher's head and figure out what he's going to do next," Nossem said. "You want to distract him from the batter."

reach first base Playing first base, Jimmy Hinkleman, sophomore, awaits the ball. "I've been playing first base since I was young," Hinkleman said. "One of my favorite players is Paul Konerko and he plays first base."

catch up Behind home plate, Kevin Nossem, senior, catches the pitch. "Being catcher is a really important position," Nossem said, "because you were in on every play."

Jerrett Tite, senior

Cody Eitzen, senior

Kevin Heinrich, junior

boys take Lake Central to nine innings during Sectionals thrown for a curve

Down, but not out As Hobart lead the way from the start, it took an ironic event to turn the game around.

"A really hard hit ball hit the whip of the infield and it took a really bad hop and came and hit me in the mouth," Matt Brosovic, junior, said. "I went down on my knees and felt something in my mouth. I realized it was my teeth pushed up against the roof of my mouth."

The injury came as a shock for Brosovic and the team.

"It was kind of scary for a moment, but we knew he would be alright," Ryan Wilkinson, junior, said.

Out for several minutes, Brosovic didn't have a concussion.

"I must have went into shock when I saw the blood," Brosovic said.

As the paramedics lifted Brosovic into the ambulance, he left the team with a few words.

"He told us to get a win." Wilkinson said.

Trailing behind Hobart for most of the game, the team's mind set changed after Brosovic's injury.

"Many lost focus a little bit," Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher, said. "They pulled it together and started playing as a team."

The boys brought it back together as they slaughtered Hobart, 14-4. As for Brosovic, he ended up having to get surgery.

"I had to get a couple root canals," Brosovic said, "and surgery to put the teeth back in place."

Putting personal stats and batting averages behind, the boys proved there is no "I" in "Team."

"At the beginning of the year we had to throw out personal goals and play as a team," Larry Allen, junior, said.

Since the team started off slow in the beginning, according to Jimmy Hinkleman, sophomore, the boys looked for a way to cheer themselves up. They turned to Ron Harper Jetsky to lift up their spirits, according to Hinkleman and Allen.

"TJ [Hecimovich, senior] brought a blue monkey," Allen said. "We carried him around the whole season. We were struggling at the time so looked for something that would lighten us up."

The boys realized that they would perform better if they put their minds to it and worked together.

Practicing everyday from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., the boys prepared for Sectionals against top ranked Lake Central.

Allen agreed that Sectionals proved most important.

"A lot of people didn't think that we could play with them," Allen said, "and we took them to nine innings.

Despite their efforts, they boys lost to Lake Central, 3-4, when the Indians scored on an error in the infield.

"I'll never forget when we lost to LC," Allen said. "It could have been the other way around and it should have been the other way around. It's always great to end [Lake Central's] season."

Varsity Golf
9-5

Morton 170-266	Rensselaer Invite
Valparaiso 172-170	5 of 18
Lake Central 174-169	**Hobart 180-202**
Highland 174-206	Lowell
Griffith 170-204	Michigan City
Highland 176-187	178-162
Portage 176-187	Valparaiso 178-162
Andrean 165-157	Lake Central Invite
Andrean 174-185	6 of 12
Bishop Noll	Conference
175-188	2nd-340
Valparaiso Invite 6 of 8	Sectional 2nd-330
Kankakee Valley	Regional 9th-338

on the green Reading the slope, Ryan Watrobka, senior, analyzes the green in hopes of making his putt. "You can't let one bad hole get in your head, or the rest of the round is over," he said.

Boys' Varsity Golf *(front row)* Brandon Sparks, Grant Doctor, Ryan Watrobka, Tony Rubino, Evan McShane, Dan Paulson *(back row)* Dan Falloon, Daniel Johnson, Robert Marini, Max Peck, Alex Gariup, Nikola Tatic, Coach Bill Smitka

different strokes Realizing the match can come down to the number of putts they take, Dan Falloon, senior; Daniel Johnson, junior; and Max Peck, senior, hit their balls into the holes, while using their distinctive putters to suit their personal preferences.

in deep water Covered in rain Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, tries to stay dry during an April against Portage. Despite the rainy conditions, the boys beat Portage, 176-187.

taking turns Waiting their turn on the green, Dan Falloon, sophomore, and Ryan Watrobka, senior, watch as Griffith putts.

Coach Bill Smitka

Ryan Watrokba, senior

Dan Paulson junior

young team plays through rainy, cold spring, to finish 2nd at Sectionals

rough and ready

With a new coach and new players, the Boys' Varsity Golf Team came out with a new attitude.

"This year, we really wanted to perform well and show our potential," Tony Rubino, sophomore, said. "We had all the workings of a champion team."

Coach Bill Smitka, social studies teacher, jumped into the head coach position and became one of the guys.

"My favorite part of the team off the course was just goofing around with the boys," Coach Smitka said. "The friendliness of the team made the season fun."

Coach Smitka had big shoes to fill after Mr. Brian Clark, Dean, left the team.

"Coach Clark was such a huge part of us last year and we weren't sure how Coach Smitka would do," Dan Falloon, sophomore, said. "But Coach Smitka jumped right in and did a great job."

Along with a new coach, new freshmen came in and surprised some veteran members.

"Grant Doctor [freshman] never played varsity this year, but he had the best attitude of anyone and never gave up," Dan Paulson, junior said. "He kept the team moral high, and he is going to be an instrumental player in the future."

According to Doctor, the team helped him become better.

"The guys would always be there whenever I needed help or just to joke around," Doctor said. "Even though I was the youngest, they never treated me like it."

With the "workings of a champion team," all that was left was to put everything out on the course.

Swinging into high gear, the golf team finished second at Sectionals. For most of the team, the match proved their best one of the season.

"My best match was at Sectionals," Falloon said. "I personally shot a 79, which was my season best."

Not only did individuals shine, the team as a whole stepped up to the tee. The team shot a 330, putting them into the second place finish.

"That was the best we shot in a long time," Dan Paulson, junior, said. "It was bittersweet because that was the best performance we had at Sectionals in a while, but we only lost by two."

With victory in reach, the team had to put the same fire towards Regionals to come out on top.

"At Regionals, we just had to keep our cool," Evan McShane, sophomore, said. "We knew it was going to be tough, but we had to put our best effort out there."

Finishing in ninth place with a score of 338, the team did not advance to the state finals, but it didn't bring them down.

"Even though we didn't finish exactly where we wanted," Falloon said. "We still had a good season and of course, there's always next year."

rough times Missing the fairway, Nikola Tatic, freshman, chips the ball out of the rough aiming for the green, hoping to save par. He shot an 85 at the La Porte Regional, where the team finished ninth with 338.

Grace Ispas, junior

Coach Beth Thornburg

Shannon Shreibak, sophomore

hitting through Sectionals, girls fall to Highland in second game

covering new ground

Sliding in for their first win, the girls felt confident that this year would turn out better than pervious seasons.

Defeating their first two opponents, they believed that they were on a good start, according to Robyn Henning, junior.

With most of the players being so young, made up by more sophomores then any other age, the team wasn't worried about the strength, according to Coach Beth Thornburg, math teacher. They knew they had power hitters like Angelique Zadrozny, sophomore.

This inexperience led to some close, tense games.

"The Valpo game, near the end of the season, we had to watch until the end," Henning said. "It was nerve wracking, but we won, 4-3, in extra innings."

Heading into the end of the season, the girls beat out all competitors but a few.

"The hardest game was against Harrison," Coach Thornburg said. "They went to Semistate so they were the team with the skills to beat in the end."

Advancing to Sectionals the girls felt that they got a good hold on the season and were now ready.

Smashing into Sectionals, the Girls' Varsity Softball Team beat out their first opponent untouched, 13-0.

"It was a very uplifting game," Grace Ispas, junior, said. "With our regular season going in and out for wins, we needed this game to pump us up."

Scoring 13 runs, the girls blew away East Chicago, not letting them score a single run. Moving into the next game with the team still pumped up from their first win, they were ready to take on Highland and to advance to the next level.

In the end, the girls fell to Highland, 0-4. The energy from the previous game did not break Highland down.

"The one thing I really liked about this team was how close we were," captain Phoebe Conner, senior, said. "The age gap didn't play into much of a factor. We worked together and played well this season."

Finishing the season with a uplifting win and then defeat in the end, the girls moved on.

like always

traditional events lead up to the two Sectional games

Senior party two days before Sectionals

First Sectional game: beat East Chicago, 13-0

TP'ed coaches one day before Sectionals

Second Sectional game: lost to Highland, 0-4

three strikes, you're out Hand back, feet firmly on the ground Sarah Simchak, freshman, gets ready to pitch.

batter up Ready to swing, Marionna Cane, sophomore, attempts to read the pitchers next throw. "I always trind to see how the pitcher would throw it so I could get a clear hit off of it," Cane said.

safe and sound Dust flying Phoebe Conner, senior, slides into first base to score a run. "I really liked this year because the team got along really well," Conner said. "This year was really fun, it really made my senior year."

quick as a fox Ready to steal a base. Sarah Clusserath, sophomore, gets into position to run for second.

Varsity Softball 14-14

Illiana Christian 5-0
Homewood-Flossmor 6-1
Lake Central 1-2
Hanover Central 5-8
Andrean 1-0
Crown Point 0-5
Lowell 2-3
Kankakee Valley 7-2
Griffith 4-5
Hobart 5-1
Highland 0-1
Penn 1-5
McCutcheon 3-16
Cathedral 11-1
Andrean 2-3
Kankakee Valley 14-3
Lowell 0-1
Griffith 0-1
Western 7-1
Harrison 4-6
Frontier 9-2
Hobart 13-1
Highland 11-4
Valparaiso 4-3
Chesterton 1-2
Portage 4-1

Sectionals
East Chicago 13-0
Highland 0-4

JV 22-1

Illiana Christian 12-2
Homewood-Flossmor 13-12
Lake Central 5-9
Hanover 10-0
Andrean 10-0
Crown Point 9-6
Kankakee Valley 11-1
Lake Central 9-6
Chesterton 6-1
Andrean 18-5
Lowell 14-1
Griffith 8-0
Hobart 13-7, 13-2
Highland 12-2
Valparaiso 10-0
Chesterton 16-2
Portage 9-2

Freshmen 6-3

Thornton Fractional South 23-3
Merrillville 13-3, 18-0
North Newton 12-5
Clark 17-1
Gavit 14-4
Marian Catholic 4-10, 5-13
Wheeler 1-4

JV Softball *(front row)* Kate Novak, Colleen Jones, Amy Welch, Lorrie Mamich, Sarah Simchak *(second row)* Coach Moore, Julie Puvogel, Kelsey Dal Polo, Erin McCarthy, Elaine Klema, Coach Mike Coil *(back row)* Stephanie Grabarczyk, Pachel Shmagraboff, Kari Dillner, Alyssa Schweitzer, Emily McCullough

Frosh Softball *(front row)* Hannah Szany, Hayley Morris, Colleen Jones, Brenda Chavez *(second row)* Stephanie Pallay, Alyssa Nunez, Coach Ron Moore, Kaylie Starkey, Christina Brown *(back row)* Sarah Sinchak, Lorrie Mamich, Kari Dillner, Amy Welch

Varsity Softball *(front row)* Manager Amelia Wories, Angelique Zadrozny, Kaelyn Toth, Sarah Clusserath, Phoebe Conner, Shannon Shreibak *(second row)* Erin Moss, Grace Ispas, Kelly Spurlock, Kori Kirby, Robyn Hennig, Marionna Cane, Manager Alyssa Salata *(back row)* Coach Ron Moore, Coach Mike Coil, Jamie Lissy, Kara Curosh, Emily Becher, Jessica Seligman, Coach Beth Thornburg, Coach Tom DeGiulio

Krissy Kovacich, junior | Christina Lee, junior | Stacy Krahn, sophomore

girls finish third at State as Mary Hill comes home Singles Champion, Mental Attitude winner

reach for the sky

As the girls awaited their first match at State against Carmel, their nerves were shot.

"It was our most intense match," No. 1 singles player and captain Mary Hill, senior, said. "There was just more energy."

When Carmel knocked out Park Tudor from Semistate the girls went into State with a different attitude.

"Our mindset was that Park Tudor was not there," No. 1 doubles player Krissy Kovacich, junior, said. "Our excuse for losing was gone. We had to win since Carmel had not been down [to State]. We didn't take into account that since Carmel beat Park Tudor, they had to have improved."

As the girls faced Carmel first, it came down to the last match with No. 2 singles player Bobbi Modesto, freshman.

"The outcome may have been better if Bobbi was 100 percent healthy," Hill said. "She came down with the flu a couple days before, but she still played her heart out."

Modesto's second set went into a tie-breaker; however, she came up short, 2-3.

"We all thought this was going to be our year," Kovacich said. "Maybe we had an off day, but we were prepared. Carmel just outplayed us that day. I think if it was a different day we could have had it."

Although the girls placed third at State after beating Terre Haute South, Hill advanced to Individual State.

"I was more relaxed and more confident," Hill said. "Last year I put so much pressure on myself that it was unnecessary."

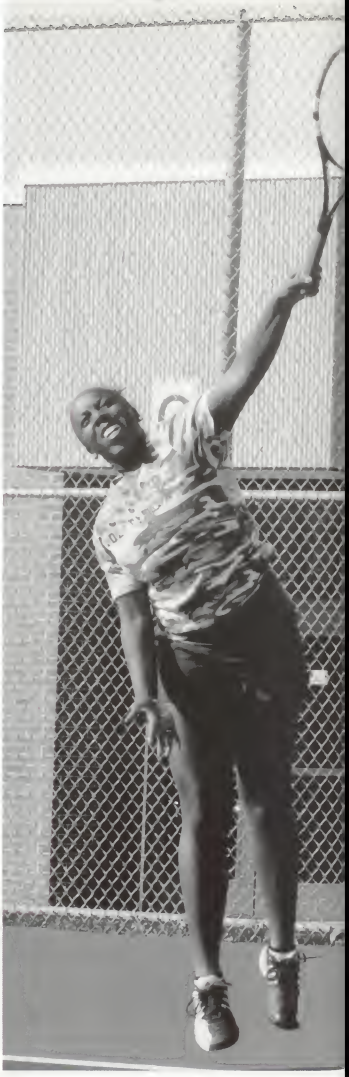
Hill proved that this new relaxed attitude worked best when she beat Columbus North's Caroline Hedrick, junior, in the final match.

"It was an honor," Hill said, "but I was more excited about finally getting a blue ring for State."

Hill became the winningest girls singles player in IHSAA history and ended her high school career record, 104-1.

"There was no doubt that everyone knew that Mary deserved that," Kovacich said. "I know how bad she wanted it. She was a really big asset to the team and all of us were just so proud of her. I don't think words could describe her."

settle the score In between sets Christiann Tavitas, freshman, changes the score cards to keep track of wins and losses.



Mary Hill

senior

Position: No. 1 singles
Record: 104-1
Top Honor:
–Winningest girls singles player in IHSAA history
–Singles State Champ
–Mental Attitude Award
Season goals
"To win State and to win Individual State."
Most embarrassing moment: "The team has focused on really embarrassing me these last four years. One time on the bus at a gas station Christina Lee went up to a random guy and told him that I thought he was cute. She led the guy onto the bus and pointed me out. He wasn't even cute."
Special season moment: "One day at practice we all sat together with [Coach] Bob [Modesto] and went around and said what we were thankful for. We had a little heart to heart."

right serve Ball in hand, No. 2 doubles player Kamryn Klawitter, sophomore, gets ready for a serve. "You have to be mentally prepared," Klawitter said.

small talk In between points, No. 1 doubles teammates Krissy Kovacich, junior, and Stacy Krahn, sophomore, share laughs. "I learned how to handle situations under pressure," Kovacich said.

quick reach Arm extended, No. 3 singles player Christina Lee, junior, hits the ball back to her opponent. Challenge matches "put a lot of pressure on us," Lee said.

Girls' Varsity Tennis 18-2

Crown Point 5-0
Lowell 5-0
Warsaw Invite 2nd
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 5-0
Carmel Invite 1st
Hobart 5-0
West Lafayette 5-0
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Cathedral 2-3
South Bend St. Joe 3-2
Penn 5-0
Valparaiso 5-0

Sectionals

Gavit 5-0
Lake Central 5-0

Regionals

Crown Point 5-0
Highland 5-0

Semistate

Valparaiso 5-0
South Bend St. Joe 4-1

State

Carmel 2-3
Terre Haute South 4-1

Honors

Sectional Champs (33 consecutive titles)
Regional Champs
Semistate Champs
3rd in State
Individual State Singles Champ: Mary Hill

Girls' JV Tennis 10-0

Crown Point 12-2
Lowell 4-0
Kankakee Valley 9-0
Highland 11-0
West Lafayette 2-0
Andrean 14-0
Griffith 7-0
South Bend St. Joe 2-0
Penn 2-0
Valparaiso 10-0

wait for it Keeping an eye on the ball, No. 2 doubles player, Vanessa Sepiol, junior, waits in position at the net for her opponent's shot.

Girls' Tennis **(front row)** Parina Maniar, Logan Foreit, Jani Dominguez, Kelly Bershader, Christiann Tavitas, Alexis Ginn, Sam Sakevicius, Danielle Koultourides, Katynn Doyle **(second row)** Stacy Krahn, Rachael Heinger, Vanessa Sepiol **(car)** Mary Hill, Christina Lee **(back row)** Head Coach Bob Modesto, Cindy Rumas, Melissa Strohl, Beatriz Costa Lima, Ele Chakraborty, Michelle Chung, Jack Laszlo, Krissy Kovacich, Kristie Miller, Kamryn Klawitter, Bobbi Modesto, Aesha Maniar, Krista Zagar, Biranna Solola, Jessica Jamicich, Coach Julie Modesto

Boys' Track

7-6
Portage 60-78
Lake Central 53-79
Andrean 78-51
Kankakee Valley 76-55
Chesterton Relays
Griffith 88-44
Lowell 58-74
Gary Wallace 77-53
Gary Roosevelt 77-31
Highland 80-50
Mustang Invite 2nd of 5
Hobart 73-50
Conference 2nd of 7

Sectionals
2nd of 104
Regionals
13th of 16
State
17th of 24

Honors

Conference, Sectional Champions
3200 Relay: Zach Vega, Tony Rigoni, Fred Olaosebikan, Billy Heuer

State Qualifiers
3200 Relay: Zach Vega, Tony Rigoni, Fred Olaosebikan, Billy Heuer

800 m: Billy Heuer

rat race Eyes on the ground, Fred Olaosebikan, senior, starts the 4x800 relay. "The start of the race was really important," Olaosebikan said. "If you didn't get a good start, you could lose race."

dig up dirt Sticking his landing, Craig Dohman, junior, bends his knees. "The worst part of long jump was getting all the sand in your shoes," Dohman said. "It took forever to clean out."

flying high Legs splayed in the air, Jacob Shalen sophomore, sails over a hurdle at the Chesterton Relays. "The worse thing that happened to me was at practice," Shalen said. "I got my foot caught on a hurdle and went down hard."

hold up Supported by Coach Kyle Kwasny, Brandon Weinberg, sophomore gets his grip on the long jump pole. "When I first started doing track I was always afraid the pole was going to break," Weinberg said. "After about a year I finally got comfortable that it wasn't going to snap on me."

come to pass Arm stretched back, Matt Gehrig, senior, takes the baton from Brooks Platt, sophomore, at the Chesterton Relays. "We usually ran the 1600 m, but at Chesterton, everything was changed to a relay," Gehrig said.

Boys' Track Team (front row) Chris Young, Bart Grabowski, Josh Willis, Ian Svoboda, Matt Shacklett, Fred Olaosebikan, Billy Heuer, Garrett Broadnax, Daniel Cantu, GW Childs, John Beckman **(second row)** Coach Kyle Kwasny, Jonathan Wachala, Sean Ziemba, Craig Dohman, Mike McIntyre, Brooks Platt, Matt Gehrig, Steve Gehrig, Patrick Fagan, Simon Abu-Aita, Zach Coulom, Coach Brian Vance **(third row)** Zach Vega, Robert Vogel, Tony Rigoni, Adam Kloos, Matt Kalison, Brandon Weinberg, Andrew Johnson, Elliot Bochnowski, Adam Hart, Steve Farrell, Coach Aaron Brown **(fourth row)** Sava Canak, Chris Cappo, Devan Clark, Jacob Shalen, Grant Thompson, Thomas Burgwald, Travis Kmetz, Tyler Schwartz **(back row)** Tim Kurney, Joseph Whillis, Pat O'Brien, Keefer Morgan, Ben Taylor, Lucas Nossem, Mohan Yin, John Daugherty

by a mile

1
Pair of shoes worn down

4
Power bars eaten before each meet

5
Miles ran at each practice

4
Hours on a bus to State

6
Days of practice a week

Garrett Broadnax
senior

lead off Eyes closed shut, Garrett Broadnax, senior, leads the way during the 1600-meter run at the Munster Invite. "After cross country, a mile run wasn't that bad," Broadnax said. "I had been through a lot worse."

Matt Gehrig, senior

Zach Vega, junior

Coach Aaron Brown

through rain and wind, boys take home 17th at State competition up for grabs

While their classmates trickled into the fieldhouse June 5 to practice for Commencement, Matt Gehrig and Billy Heuer, seniors, sat on a bus bound for Bloomington to participate in the State track meet.

Heuer competed in the 800-meter relay, where he finished 13th with a time of 1:55:30. This accomplishment did not come easy, according to Heuer.

"The entire season I had been trying to shorten my time," Heuer said. And shorten his time he did. At the beginning of the season, Heuer finished with a 2:11:3 at the meet against Lew Wallace and Roosevelt.

"That was my worst meet of the season," Heuer said. "After that, I was able to get it down to a 2:02 at the Calumet Invite, which was still a lot worse than I did at State."

As the bus pulled into the high school parking lot, Gehrig and his teammates felt satisfied. They had broken the school's State record with a time of 8:02 to finish 17th out of 27.

"It was a good end of my high school track career," Gehrig said. "And while I missed practice for graduation. It was worth it to have a last run with the guys."

With a gusting force, freezing rain and strong winds threatened to blow the Boys' Varsity Track Team out of the meet against Hobart.

"It was absolutely freezing," Gehrig said. "The storm came out of nowhere so we weren't prepared. No one had thought to bring blankets or anything."

Unfortunately, Hobart was one of the meets that the team needed to do well to advance to Regionals, according to Grant Thompson, sophomore.

"Most meets were practice for the post season," Thompson said. "There were only a few meets spread around the season that counted as conference points and Hobart was one."

This need for conference points fueled the boys to run harder and stay focused, according to Gehrig.

"We all had to help each other out," Gehrig said. "Since there was nowhere to hide from the weather, we had to distract each other."

This strategy proved effective, according to Fred Olaosebikan, senior.

"The difficulty was getting warmed up in the morning for the 4x800 relay and having to stay that way until my last race, the 800 meter race," Olaosebikan said. "The guys helped me keep active and distracted me from feeling the cold."

While the weather seemed to work against them, the boys managed to scrape a win, as well as conference points to help them advance to the state competition in Bloomington.

loosen up Leg on the fence, Ines Tzolov, junior stretches her muscles before track practice. "It was harder to run during the colder months because the air was so crisp," Tzolov said. "It made it a lot harder to breathe."

beyond **words**

Girls' Track finds unlikely phrases brand their season

"SBD. It stood for 'silent but deadly' and it also stood for (coaches) Sluder, Barnes and Duffy. The names just fit and for me, the name definitely captured our season."
Allison Boyle, freshman

"Jai ho! ...the name of a song we listened to before meets and it really pumped us up to do well."
Whitney Freeman, junior

"We stay shiny! We watched a YouTube video and one of the lines was 'we stay shiny.' We thought it was hilarious so we said it all the time at practice. It really brought us together as a team."
Kristin Brajak, junior

with the wind On her way to a Regional Championship in the 300 Hurdles, Whitney Freeman, junior, qualified for State in both the 100 Hurdles, where she finished 3rd in 14.67, and the 300 Hurdles, where she finished 4th in 44.90. She also anchored the 100-meter relay. "I love running," Freeman said. "I don't want to say there's any pressure; I'm not pressured. I just get out there and do my best. I'm proud and happy."

Girls' Track
5-1
5-0 Conference
Valparaiso 43-89
Andrean 102-24
Kankakee Valley 86-45
Chesterton Invite
Griffith 91-37
Lowell 77-54
Penn Invite 3rd
Highland 95-33
Highland Invite 1st
Mustang Invite 1st
Calumet Invite 1st
Hobart 88.5-39.5

Conference 1st
Sectional 2nd
Regional 3rd (57 pts.)

State Qualifiers
Whitney Freeman:
100, 300 Hurdles
Kyela Specht: 800 meter run
1600 Relay: **Jessica Goodrich, Allison Boyle, Colleen Boyle, Whitney Freeman**
3200 Relay: **Lyndsey Kunz, Lainey Williams, Kyela Specht, Colleen Boyle**

Girls' Track *(front row)* Tyler German, Whitney Freeman, Jamie Swing, Rizzie Fisher, Brianne Rubesha, Kristin Brajak, Sarah Sikora, Lyndsey Kunz, Reahna Christopher, Shakyla Askew, Judith Gonsalves *(second row)* Coach Michelle Duffy, Charity Davis, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Lainey Williams, Jessica Kitchell, Colleen Boyle, Kyela Specht, Christina Pasyk, Brigid Marriott, Ashley Burton, Lindsay Spyrka *(third row)* Nikita Kanal, Allison Boyle, Alex Doctor, Jessica Goodrich, Jenna Pagane, Brittany Bermingham, Sarah Dedelow, Kayla Keith, Gabby DalleCarbonare, Caley Mintz, Kayla Bachert *(fourth row)* Coach Richard Sluder, Stacey Avtgis, Emily Saucedo, Jessica Banaszak, Tessa McGuan, Michelle Kwolek, Alex Marini, Nibal Abdelsalam, Catie Marini, Jasmine Solola, Coach Tom Barnes *(back row)* Danielle Jones, Monica Shah, Ruby Girn, Lindsey Kitchell, Katherine Andreatos, Katie VanDeursen, Lauren Starcevich

clearing the way Pole in hand, Lindsay Spyrka, freshman, prepares for her first attempt over the bar. "I always got a little nervous before the first round," Spyrka said. "I just did the best I could at every meet."

just keep running Fingers gripping the baton, Lyndsey Kunz, junior, runs her leg of the 4x400 meter relay. "Running is such a great feeling," Kunz said. "Even if you were tired, you had to keep pushing through."

Lainey Williams, junior

Stacey Avtgis, sophomore

captain Brianne Rubesha, senior

Coach Michelle Duffy

high flying

sprinting to State, girls qualify two relays, two individuals to take home third in hurdles

A decade of Conference Championships.

For the 10th consecutive year, the Girls' Track Team finished first at Conference. With many girls setting personal records, the team created a solid stepping stone for Sectionals.

"Conference was a clean sweep for us," Coach Michelle Duffy, English teacher, said. "We went one, two in almost every event and it gave us confidence for Sectionals."

This victory came out of a team effort, according to Alex Doctor, junior.

"We won by a huge margin and that wouldn't have been possible individually," Doctor said. "Everyone played a part in the win."

Focusing on the team effort, Shakyla Askew, sophomore, threw herself into the victory, literally.

"During the 200 m dash, I was neck and neck with another runner, so to win, I dove into the finish line," Askew said. "It hurt really bad, but I got second place. The team just called my scratches and bruises my battle wounds."

Putting their all into the meet, the team came out with a win for the record books.

Stampeding into the fast lane, the Girls' Track Team took first at their home Mustang Invite. Adding to the celebration, the team also celebrated Senior Night.

"The meet was a success in many ways," Coach Duffy said. "We got to celebrate our last home meet of the season and the girls got to express their gratitude towards the seniors."

Captain Brianne Rubesha, senior, also enjoyed the night, even though it proved "bittersweet."

"This meet showed how close we really were," Rubesha said. "It was the most fun I ever had at a track meet, but it was really hard because it was the end for me."

The meet started a slew of team bonding activities such as going to Beggar's Pizza for karaoke and tie-dying shirts for Regionals.

"After the Mustang Invite, we really bonded as a team," Rizzie Fisher, senior said. "The season wouldn't have been half as fun if we didn't make the effort to become a family. That was what made it special."

leader of the pack Setting the speed, Kyela Specht, sophomore, runs to victory. "I felt like I really grew as a runner this season," Specht said. "I became a team player, while focusing on my individual race at the same time." Specht qualified for State in the 800 meter run, where she finished 15th in 2:21.28.

What do you do to stay fit?

"I walk to Target. Browsing aisles is all the physical activity I'll ever need."
Grace Heaney, senior

"Tae Kwon Do. I'm learning how to defend myself and it's a good way to stay fit. It's a lifestyle."
Kyle Mundy, sophomore

"I play Wii. I'm not a very sporty person."
Alexa Koultourides, senior

"I dance at Origins Dance Company. It's fun because I'm there with my friends and it's something to keep me in shape."
Nicole Bizoukas, freshman

target practice Finger on the trigger, Anthony Aversman, senior, gets ready to shoot the paintball. "Paintballing was just something to do," Aversman said. "It was fun getting better after every practice."

shot in the dark Focusing on his target, Hunter Muckel, junior, uses his recurve bow. "Hunting gave me a sense of connection and aspect to nature," Muckel said. "I'll be hunting the rest of my life, without a doubt."

tricking out Balancing on one wheel, Nathan Tribou, sophomore, rides his bike at the skate park. "I went to the skate park because I knew a lot of people that hung out there," Tribou said. "I also went to learn new tricks." Tribou went to the skate park every day, weather permitting.

blades of glory Enjoying the day, seniors Tanya Djuric and Leigh Fimbianti roller blade around town. "We wanted to get some exercise since both of our sports were over," Djuric said. "It was just something fun and simple to do."

poised in air Preparing to leap, Sara Rasamimari, senior, practices her routine at Elite Dance Center. "Dancing was just a way of taking away stress and relaxing," Rasamimari said.

in the long run

students lose competitiveness to play for fun and exercise

"If I win, you owe me an ice cream cone. If you win, I owe you a milkshake."

When the competitive edge becomes too much, students turn to recreational sports. The fun wager or the joy of the game makes physical activity enjoyable for students.

Jessica Goodrich, junior, plays for Northwest Indiana United Soccer Club during the high school off-season. Even though it required a major time commitment, according to Goodrich, it "was worth it."

"I played club soccer because I loved soccer," Goodrich said. "Besides that, it helped me keep touch on the ball and improve before high school season started again."

For Thomas Burgwald, junior, Ultimate Frisbee provided a fun way to stay active.

"Ultimate Frisbee was something to do between cross-country and track," Burgwald said. "But it wasn't nearly as competitive, which was good."

With the pressure of competition aside, the pleasure of recreational sports came with an added bonus of staying fit.

"With Ultimate Frisbee, you were always running up and down the field," Burgwald said. "Even though you got a good workout, it didn't seem like it because it was fun."

For senior Ben Varnum, working out at Fitness Pointe provided a way to take care of himself.

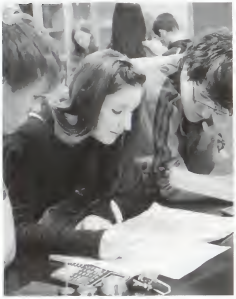
"Exercising was good for present and long term health," Varnum said. "I tried to go as often as possible."

Whether it be roller blading with friends or a friendly wager riding on ice cream for the night, recreational sports provided relaxed fun and exercise.

run to the music With her Ipod in hand, Micaela Ossanna, senior, runs outside. "Running helped to relieve my stress," Ossanna said. "It was also an easy way to stay in shape." Ossanna ran outside everyday.

practice makes perfect In theater arts class Mike Gauthier, sophomore, and others practice their skit. "I took the class because I thought it would be fun," Mike said. "I always liked to make people laugh, so I thought this would be a fun class for me."

lab buddies With calculator by her side, Stephanie Sepiol, senior, finishes her physics lab with her partners. "Having people work with me really helped," Stephanie said. "Physics had a lot of math involved, so it was good to have someone else check it over."



which class uses the most **group learning?**

"I would have to say any science class because whenever you were in a lab you needed someone to help you."

Terra Matthews, sophomore

"Foods because you needed someone helping you cook most of the time or you'd burn the food and it wouldn't turn out."

Sam Delgado, junior

"English. We did a lot of group work, mostly when we read books and had a group discussion about them."

Kyle Ridder, freshman

"English. Every time we got a report back we needed to trade papers with a few people and talk about what we did wrong."

Rachel Morrow, junior

the hard cell Explaining his cell project, Brandon Hoekstra, freshman, points to each of the cell's parts. "It helped a lot doing it with a partner because it made it more fun to do it," Brandon said.

partners pull it together

to finish projects and assignments while working as a group

Walking into class, Emily Turner, junior, looked around the room. She spotted two out of the three members in her group. The bell rang. She did not see the third person. She got nervous. Five minutes after the bell rang, the third person walked in late and Emily's nerves let loose.

"Working with groups could sometimes be good, with dividing the work up equally to get it done faster," Emily said. "However, some people you just couldn't rely on, and in the end they screwed you by not doing anything or not showing up the day it was due."

Sometimes working together helped students learn the material a lot easier; other times it did not help at all. With groups, if you did not understand something, you could ask another member for help, according to Emily. If some group members put the project off until the last minute because they were "hanging out" in class instead of working on the project, some members ended up rushing on it and ended up with a lower overall grade, Emily added.

"We had to get into groups a lot for gym," Cole Briggs, freshman, said. "If we didn't get into groups, it would have been hard to play volleyball, flag football or basketball."

Students got into groups for playing team sports in gym, or working on class projects.

"In biology we had to make a plant or animal cell," Colleen Jones, freshman, said. "We could have done it with a partner, but I didn't want to because I didn't want to rely on someone if they didn't do anything. It would be like working by myself anyways."

Whether working on a project or playing against another team, students worked together to learn and understand the subject better.

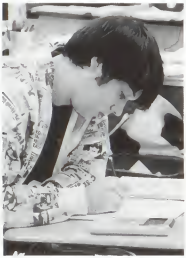
"The one thing I did like was the idea to chose your teams for gym because you knew who was good or not," Briggs said. "You also knew who not to choose if you didn't get along with some people."

read between the lines Reading a monologue, Alexis Ginn, sophomore, tries to get into character. "Rehearsing with people was a must," Alexis said. "If you didn't do it, you would be lost when it was time to present."

book work In Honors English 10, Robby Vernier, sophomore, talks about a book they had to read the night before. "It helped me to discuss in groups because I got everybody's point of view."

all angles Spread out in the middle of the hallway, sophomores Alli Herrera and Brianna Solola draw the lines in accurate perspective. "It was pretty hard to draw it," Alli said. "To get it to look realistic was the hard part."

down to work Working on pre-calculus, Nick Morfas, senior, tries to finish book work before the bell rings. "The hardest thing in that class was second semester," Nick said, "because there was so much new material to learn compared to first semester."



study skills

students need time and space when it comes to studying

7% need silence to study

12% do homework right before school

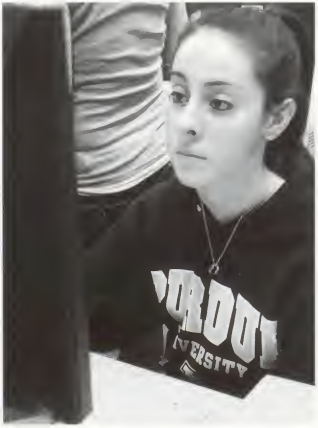
3% study at Starbucks

10% study best when they are alone

31% do homework while on the computer

37% listen to music while studying

243 students surveyed May 21



eye on screen At the computer, Katie Miller, junior, looks up information for her research paper. "The paper wasn't as hard as I thought it would be," Katie said. "I thought it would take more time and work."

finding ways to draw the line

prove difficult to students who seek the mental edge

At the stroke of midnight, Marelle Cerven, sophomore, tired and facing one hour more of homework, finished her Geometry and Algebra 2 worksheets.

"I took Geometry and Algebra 2 in the same year because I wanted to take Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics for the Core 40 Academic Honors," Marelle said. "The way I was going I couldn't do that."

Students pushed themselves through classes so they could meet diploma requirements. Others pushed themselves through classes because it helped them with their college majors. Some took a class because they enjoyed the subject.

"I took AP Biology because I always liked learning about how things reproduce and how they do it," Katie Bobeck, junior, said. "The study of life interested me."

Staying up throughout the night sometimes was a must. With academic stress of taking two math classes, or AP or honors classes, students took on the extra work load to keep their grades up.

"I sometimes stayed up until 3 a.m. studying for a test," Katie said. "When at school, I tried to study before school, during passing periods, in class, lunch, and study hall."

Sometimes students got together to help each other study a few days before the test or with homework.

"Sometimes I would find people in Algebra 2 and I'd ask them how to do something," Marelle said. "If I could get a few friends together we'd have a little study party the night before a test."

Finding a way to remember all the material also became a problem. Harder classes meant more material and cramming more information into one test.

"There was a lot of material to learn," Katie said. "Sometimes it seemed impossible. I'd just read it and read it over again until it got stuck in my head. Sometimes that didn't even work."

Despite the cramming, the benefits seemed worthwhile.

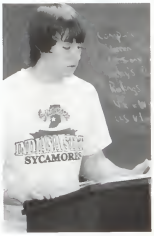
"Taking Geometry and Algebra 2 in the same year was a great decision," Marelle said. "Even though I stayed up later studying and doing homework, I did not regret it one bit."

pillow head Sitting in class Kate Mann, sophomore, dozes off. "It's hard to remember all the things about geometry," Kate said. "Sometimes it could take a lot out of you and you just wanted to give up."

helpful advise In composition class, Krste Ruiz, senior, asks Mrs. Michelle Duffy, English teacher, about a paper. "The hardest thing about composition was we had 8 to 10 papers to do," Krste said.

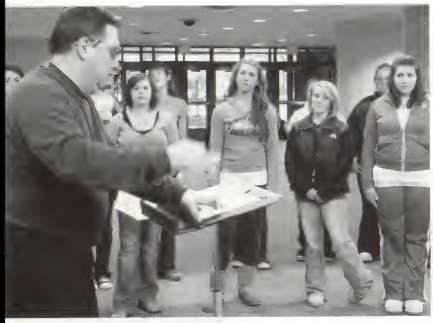
visual aid Giving a PowerPoint in composition class, Matt Kaiser, senior, explains his project. "PowerPoints helped because it gave a visual and all you did was look at the screen and talk," Matt said.

in the write With a keen eye and colored pencil in hand Rose Nowicki, senior, works on homework project for composition. "The hardest thing was the number of tests I had," Rose said. "There were a lot more than past years."



case law In front of the class, Mark Dye, senior, explains a court case in U.S. Government. "U.S. Government wasn't that hard because I paid attention," Mark said. "When I took the test I knew all the information."

chorus line About to start a song, seniors Katelin Lewandowski, Nicole Raynor, Allison DeGeorge, and Courtney Hoyle practice for a choir concert. "I have always liked singing," Katelin said. "I have been singing since elementary school. That's why I took the class."



what study materials **do you use?**

"I use note cards and web maps. It helped you remember better by actually modeling the material in an easy way."
Ele Chakraborty, sophomore

"I read and reread, then I wrote it down so it stuck in my head."
Drew Bogs, junior

"I made big words and names into funnier words. Sometimes I used songs like for remembering the presidents. For example catechism equals catikazaam."
Jacob Yothment, freshman

"I remembered the first letter of whatever words needed to be memorized and came up with sayings for them. Random things helped me remember stuff."
Viharika Peddi, freshman

study routines

Lucas Gonzalez, freshman

7 a.m. Wake up for school
3 p.m. Get home from school
3:10 p.m. Start homework
5 p.m. Finish homework

Jenna Pagane, sophomore

7 a.m. Get out of shower
7:20 a.m. Dry hair
7:33 a.m. Leave for school
5 p.m. Get home from sports practice
7:30 p.m. Start homework

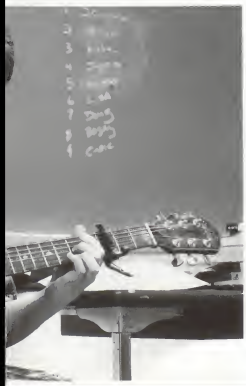
Mary-Louise Drzich, junior

7:15 a.m. Wake up for school
3 p.m. Get home from school
4 p.m. Eat a snack
5 p.m. Start homework
8 p.m. Finish homework

Kevin Kooy, senior

7:15 a.m. Wake up for school
3:05 p.m. Get home from school
3:10 p.m. hang out with friends
7 p.m. Get home
8 p.m. Start homework
9 p.m. Finish homework

sleepy head Tired and yawning Tanner Ollo, senior, sits through class trying not to fall asleep on his desk. "I couldn't focus because I went to sleep late that night," Tanner said. "Also what we were learning that day wasn't that interesting."



rock star Playing the guitar, Doug Johnson, senior, sings a song in Earth Space. "I choose Earth Space because I heard that it was easy," Doug said.

tilt the tube Holding a tube for a sediment lab, Christian Moffitt, senior, tries not to break it. "The hardest thing about Earth Space was paying attention," Christian said.

students get to

test the waters

with classes that reflect interests and future career options

As **Ashley Monos**, senior, pulled her polo over her head for work, she heard a baby crying. Rushing to her room, she saw her electronic baby sitting on her bed, wailing for food, water, or a diaper change.

"Taking care of that thing made it impossible to do anything else at the same time," Ashley said.

Child Development was just one of the classes offered that challenged students with real-world problems or situations.

"I took the School Store," Nathan Szany, senior, said. "We had to run the bookstore during B and C lunch. It wasn't so much formal learning as learning how things ran and how to deal."

But the classes offered did not just focus on getting students ready for life outside of high school. Some focused on using equipment properly, while others showed students how to complete small tasks easily and more efficiently.

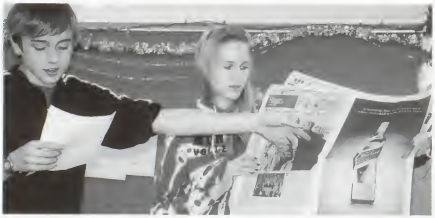
"When I took photography, I thought I was signing up for taking lots of photos," David Karady, sophomore, said. "But a lot of the class was learning about photography and learning about the camera. We didn't even get our hands on it at first."

But this theoretical way of learning proved to be efficient, according to David, as he was able to shoot his final, the photo project, with no complications.

Classes that require students to be hands on and attentive were beneficial to keep students' attention, according to Ashley.

"I'm glad we didn't just have the salt and pepper classes like math, social studies and English," Ashley said. "I liked being parts of classes that prepared me for things I might experience in life, not just things I would have to take tests over."

all she wrote Paper in hand, Heather Boyan and Kyle Ruckert, sophomores, experience being dictators as they censor the *Chicago Tribune* in Journalism. "Journalism was a really rigorous class," Heather said. "It wasn't just something you could slack off in and expect to do well."



every cent counts Calculating his total money earned and spent, Craig Popovich, freshman, participates in the Reality Store. "It was kind of a waste of time," Craig said. "But at least I saw that you couldn't just go spending everything you make."

test drive

students chose classes to broaden interests and sample possible careers

72 Students enrolled in Photography

43 Students enrolled in Child Development

23 Students enrolled in Journalism

4 Students enrolled in AP Studio Art

18 Students enrolled in Project Biology

to the rescue Arms keeping Joey Belkarious, sophomore, steady, Evan Heintz, senior, partakes in a rescue during Lifesaving class. "You had to really trust your partner," Joey said. "Lifesaving was good because now I'm a certified lifeguard so I can get a job at the pool."

hole in one Fingers holding his pipe in place, Jose Delgado, junior, drills a hole for industrial technology. "I'm planning on attending the Career Center," Jose said. "I'm going to get a job in a union."

seasoned swimmer Swim fin in hand, Arjun Kumar, senior, practices diving for Project Bio's trip to Big Pine Key in Florida. "I was certified to scuba dive so I got to go deeper than the other kids," Arjun said.

keyed up With eyes on the music, Nicole Reinsma, junior, practices her piano solo for Piano and Keyboarding. "I needed the Fine Arts credit and I took a year of piano before," Nicole said on why she took the class.

baby bump Hand cradling her bulging stomach, Amy Vogel, senior, wears the empathy belly for the day. "People gave me weird looks all day," Amy said. "They didn't realize that it was fake."

49 Students enrolled for the Career Center

18 Students enrolled in We the People

18 Students enrolled in School Store

71 Students enrolled in Anatomy

24 Students enrolled in Publications

40 Students enrolled in Project Lead The Way

26 Students enrolled in Lifesaving

students put into place their class schedules to include Advanced Placement courses

As **Katie Palmer**, junior, looked at her scheduling schematic for her senior year, she faced an important dilemma: whether to take We the People or Psychology.

"I didn't want to take health during summer school so I had to decide between two classes I wanted to take," Katie said. "My mom goes crazy about my GPA (grade point average) and I didn't want to lower it by taking summer classes."

Some students took AP classes to make themselves work harder to prepare for college, according to Ethan Hansen, senior.

"AP Comp was one of the hardest classes I took," Ethan said. "We had an apprentice project that consisted of a 40-page paper and a presentation to Bulkmatic Trucking. Whoever got chosen as the winner got 600 extra points."

While some students chose to take AP classes to boost their GPA or to challenge themselves, others found the classes were required for the changing Academic Honors Diploma requirements.

According to new state legislation, to earn an Academic Honors Diploma for all classes after the Class of 2010, students must complete all Core 40 diploma requirements, as well as earn two additional math credits, two additional fine arts credits, and earn a "C" or above in all classes counting towards the diploma. Younger students must also complete two AP classes and take the corresponding exams.

Some students like Jelena Grozdanich, junior, believed that the new Core 40/Academic Honors Diploma requirements did not pose that big a deal.

"It's not like we weren't going to take those classes anyway," Jelena said. "There aren't really that many more things we have to do. The only big thing is that we have to take the exams. Not only that, most people taking AP classes already have the score they need for the diploma on the SAT."

Either way, students faced the extra work involved in AP and honors classes.

"I think taking advanced classes was the best decision I made in high school," Ethan said. "It actually got me prepared."

prepared for the test

students chose to take multiple AP tests in hopes of earning college credit

completed **1** test in Art History
Erica Keeler, **sophomore**

completed **4** tests including Literature, Composition, Spanish and Biology
Lorien Estes, **senior**

completed **4** tests including Calculus, Biology, Government and Economics
Sidarth Dasari, **senior**

completed **1** test in Composition
Ethan Hansen, **senior**

let it slide Pushing her slide into place, Supriya Shah, senior, aligns the specimen for Honors Microbiology. "I'm going into biology so I took all the science classes I could," Supriya said. "It got me in the right mindset for my college courses."

dye job Slide grip in hand, Brandon Anderson, senior, applies dye to his slide. "[Microbiology] was a fun class to take," Brandon said. "While the work was hard sometimes, I still got to be with my friends."

fun and games Fingers on his game piece, Robby Howard, junior, plays Monopoly in AP U.S. History with Bethany Borgo, junior. "I took the class to be prepared for the AP exam," Robby said. "I wanted college credit."

to the core

new Core 40 requirements force students to complete harder classes and tests

English
— **6 credits:** Must include English 9, English 10, English 11, English or World Literature, Composition and Speech

math
— **6 credits:** Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2

science
— **6 credits:** Must include Biology 1, Chemistry or Physics and 2 other science courses

social studies
— **6 credits:** Must include US History, US Government, Economics, Ancient World History and Modern World History

directed electives
— **5 credits:** May include courses in world languages or fine arts

physical education
— **2 credits**

health and wellness
— **1 credit**

electives
— **5 credits**

with Academic Honors
— **Complete all Core 40 requirements**
— **2 additional credits**
— **6-8 world language credits**
— **2 additional fine arts credits**
— **A grade of "C" or above in courses that will count towards diploma**
— **2 additional credits**
— **One of the following:**
Two AP courses and AP exams
Score a 26 composite ACT
Score 1200 or higher on SAT math and critical reading
1 AP course and AP exam and transferable dual high school/college courses resulting in 3 college credits

"Taking AP and Honors classes helped me get highest honors."
Robin Jiang, senior

skills **put to practice** with labs and projects

just a bill Eyes on the screen, Sidarth Dasari, senior, completes his paper in AP Government. **slice and dice** Scissors in hand, Ping Muangmingsuk, senior, cuts into her fetal big for AP Biology. **chain reaction** Paper chain dangling, Lizzy Stone, senior, presents her accomplishment in her AP Economics class. "Every round a new person was added to the group to make more links." **blind as a bat** Eyes blindfolded and nose closed, Sara Rasamimari, junior, takes a taste test during AP Psychology.

stressed teens

piece it together

to push the limits during finals week

To study or not to study. That was the question. With finals used as a measurement of the material students learned throughout the year, some pushed the limits and lived dangerously. Whether it be to not study at all or study a little bit, the week before finals became the true test to the week of living dangerously.

Between the extremes, Matt Farrell, junior, considered himself in between. He didn't study for hours on end nor did he not study at all.

"To study, I reviewed the worksheets and class notes," Matt said. "It usually took me a few hours to study for each test."

Jackie Malayter, freshman, on the other hand, took the more laid back approach.

"I remembered most of the material I learned in class throughout the year," Jackie said. "If the final could change my grade a lot, I would actually study. Otherwise, studying wasn't a big priority."

Even though both Jackie and Matt had different studying techniques, both agreed that finals did not benefit students.

"The majority of the time, you learned the material and then forgot about it the moment after you turn in the test," Matt said. "Sometimes I didn't know if all my time studying was really worth it."

Finals added unnecessary stress, according to Jackie.

"It wasn't like finals went in-depth with the material anyway," Jackie said. "It was just a lot of chaos that students got themselves worked up about."

In the end no matter what the students' opinion, finals will always question students' courage to buckle down and study or live on the edge.

the final touch With glue in hand, Debora Sadun, senior, works on her Photography final. "The project took extra time outside of school," Debora said. "I thought it was easier because it was less stressful."

hard at work With books everywhere, sophomores Megan Nowaczyk and Elizabeth Wadas study for their Spanish final while the boys take a break. "Finals were important because they could make or break your grade," Megan said.

time to refresh With heavy eyes, Ashley Norris, senior, attempts to concentrate to study for her French final. "Even though the final was hard, the class was worth it," Ashley said.

"The stress from finals wore me out. It was hard doing all my finals in two days."
Aleksandra Sljivar, senior

dot the line Cramming in every word, Sara Rasamimari, senior, makes a study guide for her French final. "Our final showed how best we could apply the knowledge we learned all year," Sara said.

tall load Trying to balance the weight, Jessica Biestek, senior, gets ready for a long night studying for finals. "Finals showed how much you learned in the course," Jessica said.

did I get an A? About to check his grade in Spanish, Martin Saoavar, freshman, reads the sign. "Teachers should be more than willing to talk about students' grades," Martin said. "It's their job."

what was your **hardest final?**

"Spanish. I didn't study that well and I also wasn't good with foreign language."
Alex Ingoglia, freshman

"Chemistry. I really didn't understand stuff to start with and everything else we learned later was based off the earlier material."
Bridget McCullough, sophomore

"Honors Physics. There was a lot to remember and sometimes it was hard to remember the difference between the material."
Mary-Louise Drzich, junior

"Calculus. There was so much to remember and it was a hard concept anyway."
Kevin Nossem, senior

"We saw dvds [in American Sign Language] and we had to see what they did and interpret it."
Obinna Okolocha, senior

speed up Crouched on the ground, Mr. Darius Depa, physics student teacher, helps out Jenny Silverman, junior, with a lab. Students figured out the velocity of the car by recording the distance in a given time period.

mixed up Eyedropper in hand, Denzel Goins, sophomore, fills the test tubes during a chemistry lab. "I liked seeing how each chemical would react with another chemical," Denzel said.

final **check**

the days **before** the test

- [ ] skim through the textbook
- [ ] outline the chapter
- [ ] make note cards
- [ ] reread the material
- [ ] ask the teacher to clarify any unanswered questions
- [ ] STUDY!!!!

the day **of** the test

- [ ] pencil
- [ ] find out what others thought about the test
- [ ] bring material for occasional open book tests
- [ ] beg the teacher to postpone it
- [ ] last minute cramming
- [ ] HOPE FOR THE BEST!!!!

hit the books Book open Divya Chauhan, junior, studies for AP Biology. The worst part of studying was "just the fact that there was so much information to absorb," Divya said. Divya spent about two hours studying for the test.

students get caught in the mix

between finding time to study, putting in extra effort, and preparing for the test

Last minute cramming. Pulling all-nighters. Many students found it a pain and an inconvenience to study for the many tests that teachers piled on.

"I hated when it was a really big test and there was so much information to remember," Morgan Boyd, freshman, said. "The bigger the test, the harder it was to concentrate on studying for it rather than doing something else."

Most students had at least one class that they always had to study for. Journalism took the number one spot for the hardest test, according to Alex Priesol, sophomore.

"The notes you took were based on how well you could determine which facts were most significant," Alex said. "I would reread my notes and I asked one of my family members to quiz me."

Making notes or flashcard was effective when studying, but studying proved problematic for some students.

"My problem was that I didn't know how to study well," Christian Tavitas, freshman, said. "I never knew where to start, and I usually ended up studying the wrong material."

Although Christian had a difficult time figuring out how to study the material, Kaitlyn Hobbs, sophomore, came up with different ways to memorize the information.

"I made up little songs or I thought of acronyms, words that helped me remember," Kaitlyn said.

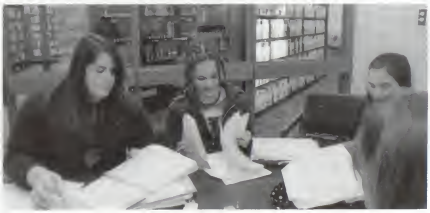
Not studying proved ineffective for many students. However, a few students found this to be the best way.

"I retained as much as I could, went in blind, and prayed for the best," Michael Siano, junior, said. "It has worked pretty well so far."

With mixed opinions on studying, it all came down to how much time students spent preparing for the big test.

"Studying was important no matter how much you didn't want to," Shalini Kumar, freshman, said. "Not studying showed that you didn't care."

turn the wheels Hands in clay, Natalie Couwens, junior, works on her ceramics piece. "The hardest part [of the wheel] was centering the clay," Natalie said, "because the pot would be uneven if it wasn't centered."



it's the law In Mr. Bill Smitka's government class, seniors Megan Stacy and Courtney Hoyle put up posters for their court cases. "My poster was *U.S. v. Leon*," Megan said. "It was interesting to learn about important cases to know how our laws came to be."

the most dangerous game Flipping through papers, senior Britney Breger, Maddy Oswald and Sarah Wachala form a group in order to fully prepare for Mr. Michael Gordon's government final.

anxious moments Marker in hand, Sarah Mathies, senior, works on her definition poster for Miss Jessica Kendall's composition class. "Other people did 'happy' and 'love,'" Sarah said, "so I went the other way with it." Sarah decided that she would talk about the word "anxiety."

reach for the stars Gloves on, Matt Gehrig, senior, dissects a starfish in zoology. "It was really interesting to see what it looked like inside," Matt said. "It was a little more complex than I thought it would be." Students in zoology dissected a wide range of animals, starting off simple and then eventually getting to more complex organisms.

on board In front of the class, Tyler German, sophomore, writes her answer. Students had to correct sentences on the chalkboard daily to improve their grammar skills.

creative options open doors to **cheaters**

"Right before a vocab test this one girl wrote some answers on the fringes of the paper."
Matt Stewart, senior

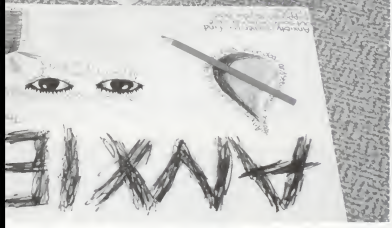
"A friend of mine cheated by looking through the reflection in a fish tank at the kid in front of her.
John Ford, sophomore

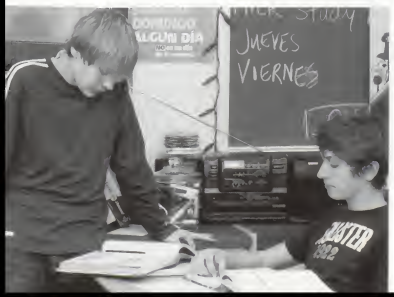
"Someone in my class wrote the answers between their fingers."
Jessica Kwasniewski, junior

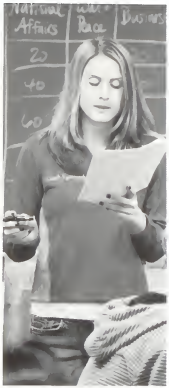
"In geometry someone wrote every equations they could fit on the back of their notebook and used it. Surprisingly they actually got away with it."
Andrew Compton, sophomore

"I knew someone who put piece of paper in a hole in his pants because teachers wouldn't look there.
Ariel Fischer, junior

"One time someone wrote answers to a test around a tattoo on their wrist. It blended in so well that no one even noticed."
Jessica Biestek, senior







around the world At the front of the classroom, Miss Sarah Scarmach, U.S. History teacher reads questions for the current events game. The current events game allowed students to become more aware of issues and events going on globally.

ahead of the game

students chose their favorite games to play to review for upcoming tests

Fly Swatter	34%
Jeopardy	21%
Whiteboard races	13%
Ganador	10%
Around the World	10%
Hogdy Podgy	8%
Bingo	5%

168 students surveyed May 29

better than one Books open, sophomores Chris Wadlow and Joel Ratajack complete a worksheet in Miss Jennifer Luksich's Spanish II class. "We were supposed to work on it together in class," Joel said. "It made it easier to understand the material."

take on weight Arms up, Jadd Villalobos, senior, takes his turn at lifting weights in weigh training, while Greg Clark, senior, spots him from above.

in order to get the hang

of some courses, students find ways to learn and improve their study skills

With his head on his desk, Tyler Kerrick, sophomore, attempted to pay attention in Spanish teacher Miss Megan Bialas's class. But as he laid there, he heard that the class was about to play the fly swatter review game for their upcoming vocabulary test.

"I enjoyed Senorita Bialas's class because she didn't just teach straight out of the book," Kerrick said. "She turned it into games and made it much easier to understand."

When it came to the classroom environment, providing visual, audio and kinesthetic types of learning proved important, according to Miss Bialas.

"I did a lot of chalkboard activities and made the students participate," Miss Bialas said. " It helped to engage every student and hopefully helped them grasp the concepts."

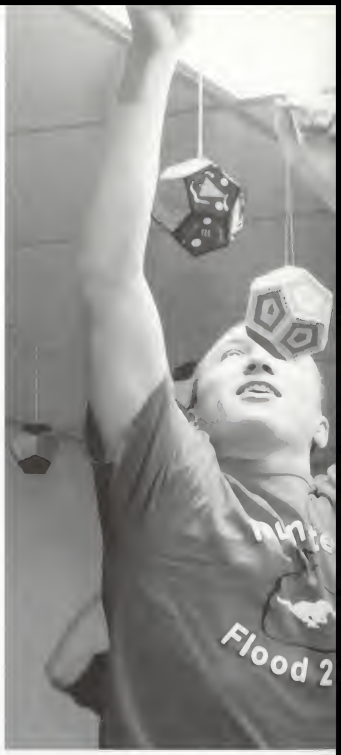
According to Bloom's Taxonomy, three domains of educational activities attract learning: Cognitive (mental skills), Affective (emotional areas), and Psychomotor (physical skills). Depending on their aptitudes, students preferred classroom activities that fell into these different domains.

"When it came to homework and projects, I liked to get things done and over quickly," Amanda Mertos, senior, said. "I was not all that creative or good at coming up with things."

Sometimes work seemed easier if it had only one way it could be completed, according to Billy Ambry, sophomore. However, other students felt they grasped the concept better with both in and out of school activities.

"I enjoyed hands-on activities," Kerrick said. "I felt like I learned better that way. I really enjoyed making movies because I felt the class paid more attention to them and it was an easy way to get a few laughs."

Whether students had to work on endless worksheets or participate in games, they agreed that different activities helped them retain information.



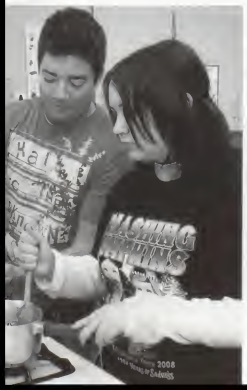
deck the halls Ornaments in hand, students wait in line to hang their dodecahedrons and other various sized ornaments in geometry class before the holidays. Students gained a better understanding of the shapes by creating and decorating them.

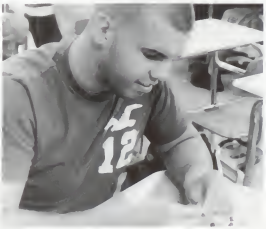
high and dry Blow dryer in hand, Brittany Lapa, junior, and Jennifer Moffitt, freshman, dry their earthquake proof building. "It was fun because usually class projects consisted of writing an essay, making a presentation or a poster," Brittany said, "but working on something 3D was a lot more interesting."

across the board Holding up the correct answer, Rosie Garibay, junior, participates in whiteboard races for Spanish. Teachers came up with different creative games to help students gain a better understanding of the material.

optical conclusion Students waited in line and used the blue light to see finger prints on a bottle as part of a crime scene investigation demonstration for Career Day.

crazy as a loon On the ground Ines Tzolov, junior, pretends to be schizophrenic. Students acted out different mental disorders as part of an AP Psychology activity.





what's cookin' Cooking utensils in hand, seniors David Garcia and Kate Burns work together in Foods class. Foods provided students with a hands-on approach to learning, plus food to sample.

chip in Lost in concentration, John Gaskill, junior, works on extracting chocolate chips from a cookie as part of an AP Psychology lab. Students compared the amounts of chocolate chips in different cookies brands.

what kind of learner are you?

1) **When you go to English class and you are reading Shakespeare, which would you prefer to do?**
   a) watch the movie
   b) act out a scene
   c) listen to the play being read to you

2) **While studying for your verbs test for foreign language you....**
   a) use the computer programs to review
   b) use flash cards
   c) have a person quiz you

3) **When you are completing a homework assignment what would you rather do?**
   a) watch an extra credit movie
   b) draw a picture book
   c) listen to activities online

4) **When assigned to a project for biology you prefer to....**
   a) make a PowerPoint
   b) make a cake model
   c) do an oral presentation

5) **In math what teaching method do you prefer the most?**
   a) look at charts and graphs
   b) math labs
   c) listen to your teacher lecture

6) **When studying World War II in history, the easiest way to memorize dates is to....**
   a) look at a timeline
   b) create a poster
   c) make a song to remember all the dates

Mostly A's: You are a visual learner. You tend to learn best from visual displays including diagrams, videos, hand-outs, overhead transparencies, or illustrated text books.

Mostly B's: You are a kinesthetic learner. You learn best when you are physically engaged in hands-on activities, such as a lab or putting together a creative project.

Mostly C's: You are an auditory learner. You learn best from verbal lectures, discussions and talking things through. You learn best from reading the text out loud.

members step in line

mind stimulating clubs offer students chances to expand their interests

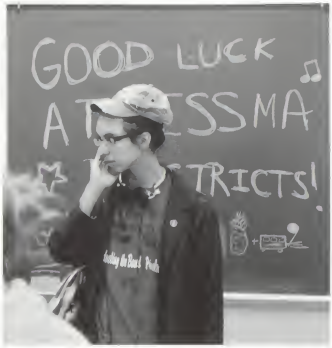
Utilizing the left side of the brain for more analytical and application-oriented clubs, students pushed themselves to compete in DECA at State, to learn to play complex pieces of music, and to publish 14 issues of *Crier*, the school newspaper. This information processing helped members and staffs advance to a higher thinking levels.

bag lady After shopping at Jewel-Osco, Aesha Maniar, sophomore, grabs bags of food for the homeless for a Project X activity. Project X members volunteered a minimum four hours per month to help out around the community.

smooth tune Mind set on playing, Deepa Devanathan, freshman, plays the violin to practice for the upcoming spring Orchestra ISSMA competition.

beat the band Notes in hand, Karl Bacoyanis, junior, along with Takehito Nakagawa, senior, practice for band during summer band camp. Students spent a week in August practicing and marching to perfect their performances for the fall.

meet to compete Headphones around his neck, Drew Mendez, sophomore, waits in the band room to leave for ISSMA Districts. "Because of the circumstances with the flood, we got to have an extra week of practice," Drew said. "We didn't think we would do as well as we did, but we got Gold."



all an act With Elyse Estes, senior, urging him on, Kenn O'Drobinak, senior, practices his and Elyse's unscripted duo for the Speech State. "Speech gave me a chance to put myself out there and see how I stacked up against others," Elyse said.

stuck in the middle In between his two best friends, seniors Mitch Hanak and Viraj Maniar, Robin Jiang, senior, waits for their DECA round to begin. "I joined DECA freshman year," Robin said. "I did well and senior year I got to be president with Viraj."

creativity at fingertips

finding creative ways to express their interests, students show off their talents

Students utilized the right side of their brain in creative activities, such as building gingerbread houses for German Club, coming up with different types of fund raisers, such as Art Club's and National Honor Society's puppy chow sale, or getting into character to compete in a speech competition. Students found ways to let their creative side shine through.

built to order Sealing the edges with frosting, Lauren Macadlo, freshman, attempts to stabilize her house at a German Club party. "It was my first time building gingerbread houses," Lauren said. "My favorite part was when people made fun of my gingerbread house."

sing and dance Sword in hand, Janelle Boudreau, senior, performs her routine with Color Guard. "I used to do Band, but Color Guard was more fun and relaxed," Janelle said. Color Guard performed during half time at football games.

drawing interest Eyes on the model, Greg Fehlau, senior, sketches his still life for art. "I joined Art Club to spend more time with my girlfriend," Greg said. "She liked art so I decided to like art, too."

sing-a-long Standing with the other sopranos, Nicole Raynor and Allison DeGeorge, seniors, sing during Women's Ensembles. The girls practiced every Monday and Wednesday after school in the auditorium lobby.

donut delight On the counter in the bookstore, Sameera Raziuddin and Sarah Wachala, seniors, take a break from fund raising for DECA during Homecoming week. The girls had to make posters and come up with slogans to entice students into buying balloons.

scene setter Paintbrush in hand, Stephanie Bugyis, senior, paints part of the set for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Auditorium staff members worked behind the scenes painting sets and running the lighting for productions. "We always had a lot to do," Stephanie said. "Anything that was technical or artistic, we handled and painted."

string along Eyeing the dangling pretzel before him, Fabian Garcia, junior, waits for Erik Ferrer, senior, to raise it to the correct level. "I went to the all language parties for the free food," Fabian said. Fabian was a member of Spanish Club.

leave their mark

students combine their creative skills and knowledge to excel in clubs and activities

When both left and right sides of the brain combined, students learned to put their creative skills and logical sense together to produce outcomes such as *Crier*, the tri-weekly school newspaper; set up events such as the Student Government sponsored Homecoming pep rally, and challenge students to come up with different ways to present their Debate cases. Exposing students to both experiences helped make them well-rounded individuals.

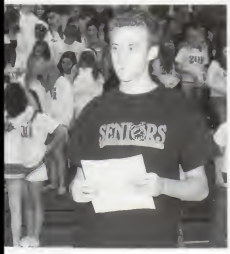
dress to impress Preparing for her first ISSMA band competition at Lewis Cass High School, Cydnee Cruz, freshman buttons up her jacket. "I was very nervous," Cydnee admitted. The band came home with a Gold rating with help from their visual performance.

speak up Microphone in hand, Student Body Vice President Vanessa Cordova, senior, along with President Grant Williams, senior, and Erik Ferrer, senior, make some announcements at the beginning of the Homecoming pep rally. "The flood was devastating," Grant said, "but we wanted to try to keep some sort of tradition going. We wanted to have as much of the Homecoming activities as possible."

top of the ladder Marker in hand, *Paragon* Editor-in-chief Christina Avgerinos, senior, colors the ladder to keep track of mailed pages. "Every time we completed a deadline we used different colors to fill in a chunk of the ladder," Christina said. "It always felt good knowing that we accomplished something and coloring the ladder made it concrete."

practice makes perfect Sliding his bow across the cello's taut strings, Joe Krupa, junior, practices for ISSMA State in Orchestra. "We practiced a lot," Joe said. "I played 'The Washburn' for State. It was a slow song, nothing upbeat."

hit the drum Tapping on the drum, seniors Sean Tomazin and Manny Lopez practice during African Drum and Dance. This group helped students to learn about traditional African music and tribal dances.



sleep easy Curled up on a table, *Paragon* Copy editor Katie Banks, senior, takes a quick nap after getting her spreads built. "Halfway through the year we started staying until 9 p.m. every night and then I had to finish other homework," Katie said. "With five writers on staff, it got to be very draining."

it's a match During lunch, seniors Abhinav Ravi and Marcin Kuzma sell Data Matches for DECA. Data Matches provided students with a fun way to see who matched their interests and activities.

leave their mark

fund finders Hands holding the canned food bag open, Jessica Biestek and Dan Linnear, seniors, organize the Student Government food drive for underprivileged families. "We did a lot of fund raising," Dan said. "You had to blend being a leader and being interesting to get people involved."

case in point Picking out evidence for their debate case, Adam Bobek and Justin Mulesa, seniors, practice after school. "Adam and I had very different views on things," Justin said, "but when we argued, it helped us present better cases in the long run."

fill the bill With his eyes on the balloon, Travis Dade, junior, fills it up to sell for DECA during Homecoming week. DECA held multiple fund raisers including flower and candy sales in hopes of raising enough money to send students to the international competition in Anaheim, CA.

pound a beat In position, Meagan Simmons, sophomore, plays her flute while marching during a half time performance. "I was in cheerleading and my mom wanted me to do Band," Meagan said. "It was hard doing both, but I managed to balance it all."

pretty as a picture Camera in hand, Nicole Montella, junior, takes a picture at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Journalism Convention in St. Louis. "My favorite part of the convention was meeting kids," Nicole said. "It was cool getting to talk to them and learn about their schools and yearbooks."

bump on a log Paper plate in hand, Alison Reba, freshman, picks herself some food during French Club's annual holiday party in the cafeteria. French Club members baked traditional French "bouche" cakes to resemble Yule logs and burned CDs with French holiday music for the party.

combined efforts from A to Z

cademic teams african drum american sign language art club auditorium staff band class executive council color guard cri

Academic Team
(front row) Michael Caselton, Abhinav Ravi, Dakota Thompson, Joey Navarro, Armondo Ramirez, Khashaya Farhadi, Vivek Dasari *(second row)* Joe Krupa, Grant Williams, Grant Thompson, Fengyee Zhou, Pradeep Gopal, Eric Barth, Brian Lewis *(third row)* Rohan Warriar, Kevin Nossem, Ben Taylor, Rob Jiang, Mitch Hanak, Sean Georgas, Argun Kumar *(back row)* Patrick Speranza, Matt Pukoszek, Sidarth Dasari, Matt Vlasich, Jon Sobilo, Jason Patkowski, Virag Maniar

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African Drum and Dance
(front row) Eric Etter, Elyse Estes, Rachel Hluska, Paige Opinker, Amanda Porter, Manuel Lopez, Hannah Wagner *(back row)* Adam Goodwin, Mark Cady, Tanner Ollo, Patrick Speranza, Sean Tomazin, Hunter Muckel, Drew Mendez

American Sign Language
(front row) Amy Vogel, Katie Kocsis, Karina Chavez, Allison Newman, Brittany Guy *(second row)* Lauren Blazevich, Laura Kinser, Eric Wysocki, Jenna Tritsch, Alex Cohen, Sarah Mihich *(back row)* Nirlep Kaur, Emily Carlson, Lazarick Whitlock, Matt Thompson, Kaylee Brandon, Michele Murday, Danica Rodriguez

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Art Club
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Band
(first row) Zachary Klaeser, Bryan Ong, Kelly Bershader, Justin Mulesa, Jacob Cherogan, Ricky Decker, Melissa Hajduch *(second row)* Sheldon Suggs, Joey Bonessa, Ben Jones, Joseph Willis, Matthew Sellberg, Bryan Novatny, John-Paul Stephens *(third row)* Tanner Kuehn, Sephen Farrell, Steven Taylor, Jordan Milne, Sean Tomazin, Adrienne Ault, Andrew Johnson *(back row)* Karl Bacoyanis, Patrick Speranza, Matt Pukoszek, Kim Hajduch, Matt Blocher, Chris Speranza, Bongusz Wozniak

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Band, Jazz
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Class Executive Council (CEC), Freshman
(front row) Phillip Arteaga, Charity Davis, Amber Scott, Jack Laszlo, Jenna White *(second row)* Matt Blocher, Mary Skurka, Monica Lee, David Straka, Brett Szafasz

Class Executive Council (CEC), Sophomore
(front row) Kamryn Klawitter, Megan Nowaczyk, Michelle Chung, Elizabeth Lewandowski, Shailee Kumar *(second row)* Brian Stolarz, Brianna Meyer, Andjela Radmilovic, Kaelyn Toth, Paige Opinker, Erica Keeler

Class Executive Council (CEC), Junior
(front row) Ines Tzolov, Molly Scott, Emily Chen, Katie Palmer, Anneliese Hernandez *(second row)* Matt Skiba, Neil Kondamuri, Josh Steinberg, Colleen Bayle, Emma Grdina

Class Executive Council (CEC), Senior
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Color Guard
(front row) Andrea Manchak, Allison Newman, Catherine Vlahas, Haley Conger *(back row)* Kelly Ballard, Anastasia Papadatos, Sam Adler, Katelin Lewandowski

Crier
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DECA
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Ensemble, Mixed
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Ensemble, Women's
(front row) Natalie Vick, Jonah Oswald, Hannah Kurowski, Brittany Lapa, Rosy Garibay *(second row)* Kaylie Starkey, Lisa Zurek, Katie Verkruyse, Kristin Opperman, Julie Hansen *(back row)* Alex Kattan, Camille Burger, Kathryn Krull, Alexandra Lodewyck, Megan Miller, Samantha Strimer

French Club
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German Club
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National Honor Society
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Paragon
(front row) Katie Banks, Sarah Roberts, John Fissinger, Morgan Bell, Laura Aguilar *(second row)* Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Nicole Montella, Danica Rodriguez, Sophia Raziuddin, Christina Avgerinos, Alexa Wolak *(back row)* Kim Hajduch, Aaron Caldwell, Nina Damjanovich, Brianna Krawjewski, Brian Lewis

Project X
(front row) Jelena Todorovic, Margaret Heneghan, Parina Manir, Kaitlyn Plewniak, Tara Mojtahed, Chandani Bhatt, Isabella Ramirez *(second row)* Michal Dovellos, Kaelyn Toth, Steven Zahariadis, Paige Spinks, Rebecca Bernardi, Melissa Beary, Shelby Sarnowski *(third row)* Madison Gallegos, Vanessa Cordova, Sara Rasamimari, Arianna Diaz, Amelia Wories, Hannah Szany, Armando Ramirez *(fourth row)* Brandon Anderson, Holly Stevens, Morgan Midkiff, Jennifer Ridder, Danielle Cacich, Cade Conner Daya Devanathan *(back row)* Kurt Alberson, Colleen Boyle, Eric Jeter, Monica Lee, Melissa Vlahu, Sean Nolan, Brandon Lee

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(front row) Kellie Nadratowski, Amanda Portez, Lindsay Hayes, Emily Ellison, Jessica Banaszak, Morgan Boyd, Holly Stevens *(second row)* Kate Novak, Molly Imrich, Ashley Pickett, Jamie Lissy, Jessica Koetteritz, Teddy Niemiec, Manuel Lopez *(third row)* Bryan Ong, Heather Boyan, Michael Kozlowski, Angelina Mandic, Hannah Szany, Danielle Cacich, Emily Imrich *(fourth row)* Tony Cress, Brian Stolarz, Grant Williams, Chris Slivka, Ethan Flahaven, Zach Langbehn, Robby Howard *(back row)* Ben Varnum, Seth Flahaven, Kevin Nossem, Viraj Maniar, Ben Taylor, Steven Taylor, Matt Pukoszek

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Spanish Club
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Spanish Club
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Spanish Club
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Speech and Debate
(front row) Brianna Meyer, Fengyee Zhou, Neil Kondamuri, Anup Segu, Nikhil Bhagwat, Abhinav Ravi, Mike Pudlow *(second row)* Ines Tzolov, Rachel Matrenec, Alexis Girn, Jake Shalen, Katie Taylor, Kurt Alberson, Joel Ratajack *(third row)* Daya Devanathan, Jessica Banaszak, Tom Yurek, Mochael Banach, Nick Anderson, Matt Sellberg, Lorien Estes *(back row)* Sheldon Suggs, Teddy Niemiec, Camille Burger, Elyse Estes, Shirin Kamalipour, Christopher Reba, Robin Jiang *(back row)* Ben Varnum, Shawn Tuttle, Clarke Remmers, Michael Yaeger, Rizzie Fisher, Reanna Christopher, Alex Kattan

Speech and Debate
(front row) Adam Arnold, Paige Patterson, Reema Shah, Mythili Chintamani, Alicia Nieves, Kenn O'Drobinak, Calvin Vick *(second row)* Santhosh Narayan, Nithin Krishnan, Eric Barth, Supriya Shah, Rima Siddiqui, Lindsey Conger, Sameera Raziuddin *(third row)* Collin Henson, Danny Falloon, Melissa Beary, Alysia Blatsioris, Jasmine Solola, Nicole Davis, Michael Goldenberg *(fourth row)* Kyle Clark, Kelly Bershader, David Straka, Kyle Ruckert, Joshua Raman, Tommy Costello, Steve Losiniecki *(back row)* Joe Krupa, Aaditya Shah, Chris Chyung, Adam Stepanovic, Nisal Shah, Garrett Mintz, Josh Brodsky

Speech and Debate
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Speech and Debate
(front row) Sarah Wachala, Cristina Brown, Shalini Kumar, Kate Lasser, Chelsey Wallace, Hannah Kurowski, Ximena Fernandez de Cordova *(back row)* Logan Foreit, Parina Maniar, Maggie Thomas, Nikki Griggs, Jessica Cieslak, Monica Shah, Haley Conger

Student Government
(front row) Allie Hurwich, Nina Ogrizovich, Olivia Harris, Emily Koufos, Andrew Koultourides, Danielle Koultourides, Lester Blumberg *(second row)* Kristen Slaboski, Kristi Roser, Tetsuo Toyama, Zakariah Kulam, Lainey Williams, Olivia Koufos, Alexandria Doctor, Oliver Sutter *(third row)* Jessica Biestek, Erick Ferrer, Elizabeth Wadas, Aaditya Shah, Chris Slivka, Emily Anderson, John Bochnowski *(back row)* Ben Varnum, Lukas Nossem, Grant Williams, Ben Taylor, Heather Boyan, Federico Olaosebikan, Tess Edvardsen, Vanessa Cordova

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(front row) Haley Conger, Craig Popovich, Laura Aguilar, Xochitc Chapa, Lester Blumberg, Hannah Kurowski, Sarah Roque *(second row)* Emily Carlson, Jenny Deecken, Emilie Riggs, Logan Foreit, Alexa Johnson, Allison Newman *(third row)* Katie Palmer, Anastasia, Papadatos, Bridget McCullough, Sam Adler, Christopher Cappo, Emily Scholtz *(back row)* Eric Etter, Amanda Rogers, Ariel Fischer, Glen Pavlov, Trevor Corradin, Nirkeo Kaur, Hannah Wagner

Thespians
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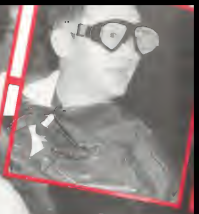
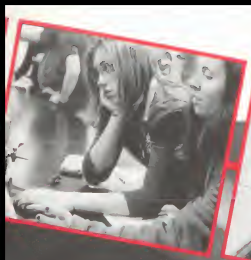
pull through

Brownie in hand, Patricia Martin, senior, participates in the brownie-eating contest in Mr. Morgan Nolan's economics class. **Swim mask in place,** Mr. Larry Hautzinger, science teacher, prepares to get pied at the Homecoming pep rally. **Head propped,** Katie Palmer, junior, tries to stay focused during a physics lab. **Bat in hand,** Joe Gill, senior, dresses up as a caveman for Spirit Week.



shout out

At the top of his lungs, Zach Langbehn, senior, cheers on the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team during the second round at Regionals against Michigan City. "Fans got the momentum going," Zach said. "No one judged you. You were just there to have a good time and bond with friends."



staying power

Coordinating Spirit Week outfits with friends or working on a group project with classmates provided a sense of comfort in school. Whether cheering on the football team at the Battle of the Bridge, enduring the hardships that the flood presented, or working together with a partner to prepare for Debate Nationals, personalities provided the staying power that pushed students to endure whatever obstacles came their way.

As cliché as it sounds, the theater was like one big family. We had to be, otherwise things wouldn't get done. I didn't have the ability to be in the theater family in Wilbur Wright because I went to St. Thomas More for middle school, but they accepted me right away freshman year. Ever since then theater has become who I am and who I surround myself with."

Stephanie Sepiol, senior

In middle school it seemed like everybody was watching you like teachers and principals. High school was a lot different because you were more independent. [My friends] were split up for lunch but I found other people that I got to know. I got to meet new people. The hardest part was finding the classes and getting used to all the teachers. Even though the homework and classes were harder and it was more serious than middle school, I think high school is better."

Shalini Kumar, freshman

When I worked with friends, I found it easier because I had a connection with the group. It was easier to talk to them and be myself because I was more comfortable. Also, I had their phone numbers, which made it easier for projects. For our Spanish workout video we were able to meet at a friend's house to finish the script, which was important because we didn't complete it in class."

Steven Hulsey, sophomore

For DECA, teamwork was a pretty important skill to have. While we all worked together, it was really your partner that you had to be in sync with. You had to be thinking on the same level and really understand and want to be around them to actually do well. My partner and I had been together since we were freshmen so we really got the importance of working together. She wasn't just some other person, she's my partner."

Jessica Koetteritz, senior

by the book

best part of teaching

"Summers off."

Mr. Jeff Graves, science teacher

"The "aha" moments when a student finally got it."

Ms. Patricia Premetz, math teacher

worst part of teaching

"Grading papers."

Mr. David Franklin, science teacher

"Trying to find new ways to teach old things. It could be difficult to think of new ways to instruct on the topic."

Mr. Jim McNabney, English teacher

pet peeves

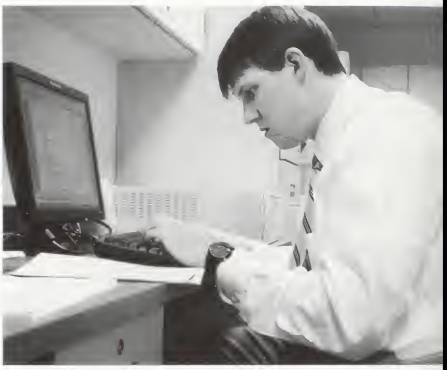
"One of my biggest pet peeves were student athletes who couldn't get help because they had practice."

Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher

"Kids that did their homework in class."

Ms. Eileen Meier, German teacher

poster perfect Eyes on one of her senior composition class' book posters, Ms. Kelly Baker, English teacher, grades her students' work. "Grading was one of the lower parts of the job because there was so much of it," Ms. Baker said. "It was consistent because there was always grading."



key control Working his fingers, Mr. Morgan Nolan, social studies teacher, grades homework from his economics class. "Grading on an 'A-F' scale is an outdated system where students struggle to understand really what an 'A' is or 'B' means," Mr. Nolan said. "Learning should be intrinsically motivated and should inspire students to become life long learners."

Mrs. Juliann Acevez: Social Studies, Senior Class Sponsor
Mr. Jake Argenta: Business, Boys' JV Basketball Coach
Miss Kelly Baker: English
Miss Jessica Barker: Math
Dr. Timothy Bartlett: Vocal Music Director, Music Dept. Rep, Ensembles, Musical, African Drumming

Ms. Megan Bialas: Spanish, Spanish Club
Mr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director, Munster Theatre Company, Musical, Drama
Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide
Mr. Brian Clark: Dean
Mr. Kevin Clyne: English

Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: English, Speech & Debate Coach
Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Life-saving
Mrs. Michelle Duffy: English, Girls' Cross Country Coach, Head Girls' Track Coach
Miss Kyleen Eden: Chemistry, Student Government, Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach
Mr. Carl Fields: Art

Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Don Fortner: Economics, Social Studies Dept. Chair, Speech and Debate Coach, Ass't Girls' Volleyball Coach
Mr. David Franklin: Science, Project Bio, Science Dept. Chair
Miss Beth Gibbs: Non educational Aide
Mrs. Phyllis Gilworth: Ass't Principal Guidance

Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Head Boys' Basketball Coach
Mrs. Katie Harris: Math, Junior Class sponsor
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Media Arts, Paragon, Crier, Quill and Scroll
Miss Kelly Haussman: Chemistry

Mr. Josh Herold: Social Studies, Eighth Grade Football Coach
Ms. Lisa Homer: Math
Mr. Matt Kalwasinski: Social Studies, Freshman Football Coach
Miss Kim Kasl: Westlake Education
Miss Jessica Kendall: English

Mrs. Anne Kinser: Auditorium Secretary
Miss Carole Kozlowski: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Charlene Kuhn: Non educational Aide
Miss Marcia LeVan: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Brook Lemon: English

Mrs. Linda Lemon: English
Mr. Kent Lewis: Buisness, DECA, School Store

make the grade

match the teacher
with their hobby

1. Miss Jennifer Luksich, Spanish teacher
2. Ms. Phyllis Gilworth, assistant principle
3. Ms. Peggy Matanic, English teacher
4. Mrs. Janel Tobias, science teacher
5. Mr. Matt Kalwasinkski, social studies teacher
6. Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher
7. Mr. Steve Tripenfeldas, principle
8. Mr. Robin Tobias, assistant dean

a. Plays racing games on xbox 360
b. enjoys bowling
c. Makes scrapbooks of their kids
d. reads and studies cook books
e. muzzleloads
f. Researches different cultural myths
g. Birdwatches outdoors
h. Reads science fiction novels

Answers: 1.d, 2.h, 3.b, 4.c, 5.g, 6.e, 7.a, 8.f

square meal While grading papers, Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher, enjoys a dinner at Wendy's. "It was convenient and they had healthy food," Mr. Graves said. "There was also good lighting to grade papers and read." Mr. Graves went to Wendy's every day.

Miss Jennifer Luksich: Spanish
Miss Rosie Malagon: Spanish
Miss Paula Malinski: Physical Education
Miss Twila Marsh: Media Specialist, Student Government
Mr. Jordan Mayer: English, Speech Coach

Miss Catherine Mazekias: Science
Mr. Jim McNabney: English
Mrs. Eileen Meier: German, German Club
Miss Teresa Needles: Westlake Education
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Secretary

Mrs. Kathy Olivotto: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Kim Peirick: Buisness, DECA
Mr. Glen Percifield: English, Debate Coach
Mrs. Pat Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Math Dept. Chair
Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Family and Consumer Science

Mr. David Russell: English Dept. Chair
Mrs. Judy Sayre: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Lynn Schumacher: American Sign Language, ASL Club
Miss Tracey Seibert: Math
Mr. Bob Shinkan: Geometry, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, Ass't Varsity Football Coach, Girls' JV Basketball Coach

Miss Shonna Siegers: Science, Academic Competition Coach
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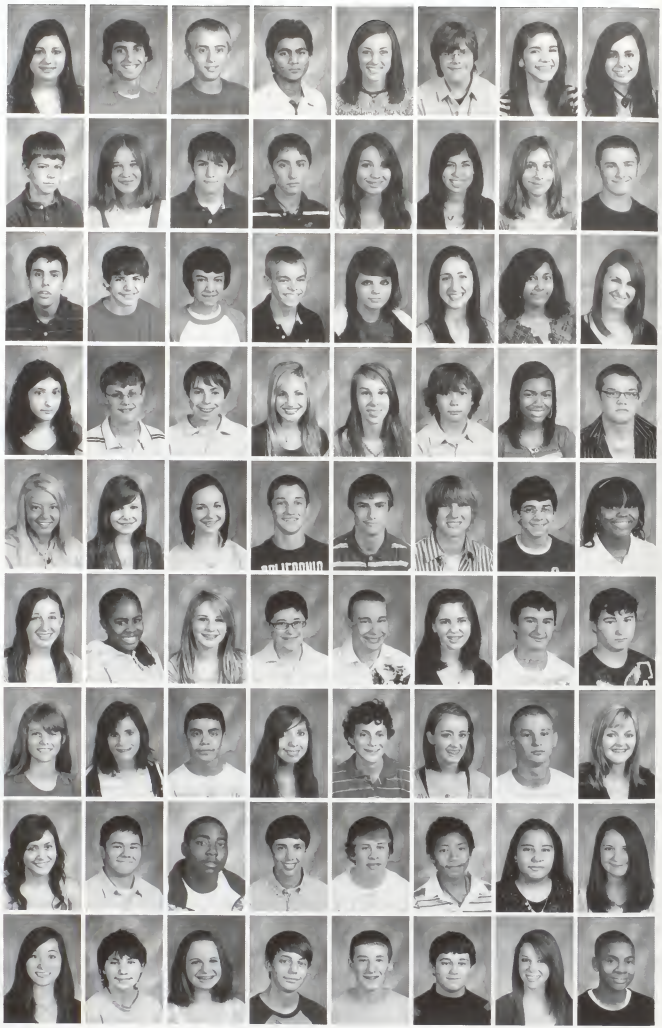

new heights

419 freshmen
make up the Freshman Class

10 freshmen
pay tuition

break new ground
as students come from middle school into high school, they experience new surroundings

"I loved the idea of being able to carry your backpack around from class to class. It took a lot more time to get from one end of the building to another."
Ben Becher

"I thought the biggest change were the classes. In middle school the classes were by grade, but in high school it just depended on the classes you took."
Kate DeGeorge

"I went to St. Ann's before high school and the biggest change was the dress code. Before I had to wear a uniform, and nail polish and jewelry were forbidden. Now I could wear whatever I wanted and be more creative."
Colleen Jones

"I would probably have to say that the biggest change was the size of the building. It was smaller than what I thought. "
Chris Cappo

homeward bound Head held high, Hannah Colias, freshman, puts her backpack on after the bell rings to go home. "In middle school, the administrators were more strict," Hannah said. "High school lets you dress more to be yourself."

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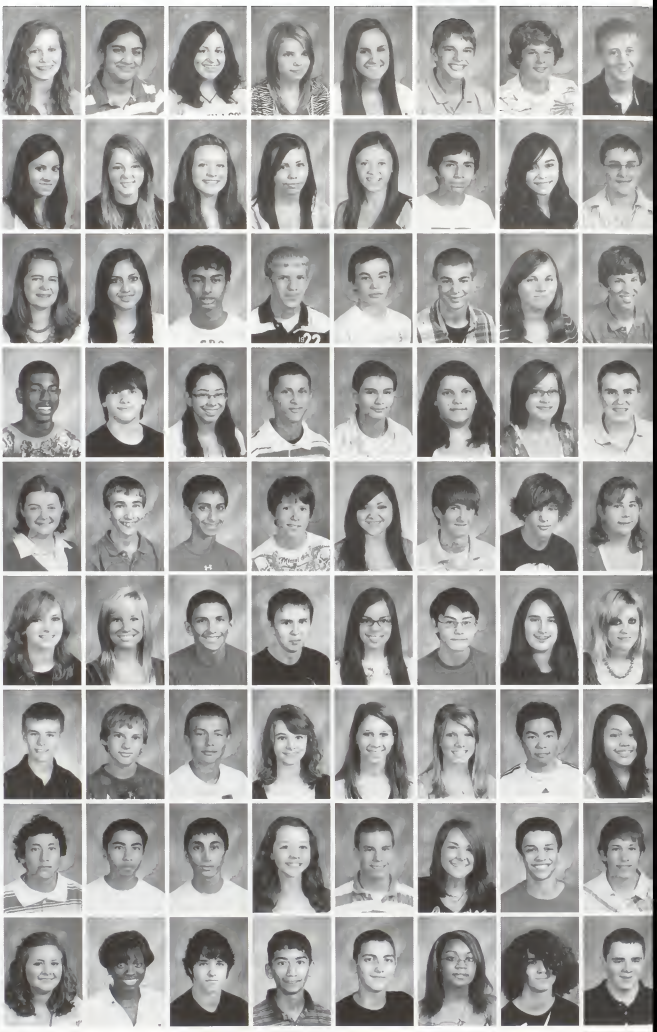


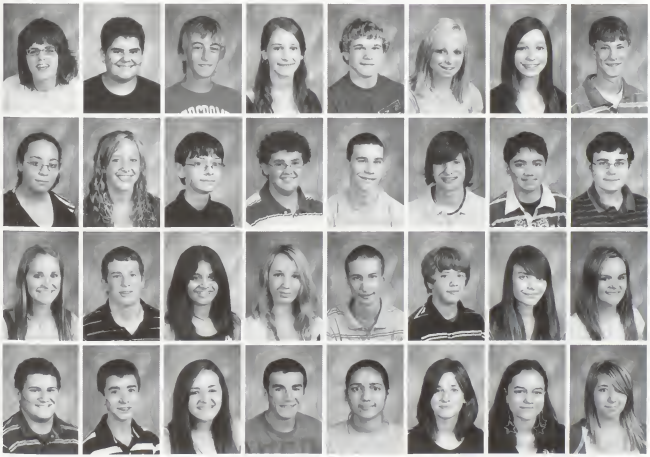
stretch the limit

enjoy the ride While laughing with friends, Melissa Nordstrom, freshman, carpools to the movies. "I liked to carpool because my mom was usually at work and I sometimes had no ride, so I saw if I could get a ride with one of my friends," Melissa said.

late in the day

From 9 p.m. until the wee hours of the morning, freshmen face curfew deadlines

	What was your curfew on the weekend?	What was the latest time you got home past your curfew?
Rachel Goode	11 p.m.	1 a.m.
Lauren Macadlo	midnight	2 a.m.
Leticia Marquez	9 p.m.	4 a.m.
Lorrie Mamich	10 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
Jake McCullough	9 p.m.	11 p.m.
Eric Etter	11 p.m.	2 a.m.
Steven Swingler	Does not have one	n/a



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Kevin Meyers
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Bobbi Modesto
Jennifer Moffett
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Jacob Moran
Forrest Morgan
Hayley Morris
Gregory Moya
Colin Mudroncik

dollars and sense

in the money

easier to spend than to make, freshmen share money woes

82% have a job

22% of students get $10 a week for an allowance

72% get an allowance

15% spend their money on books

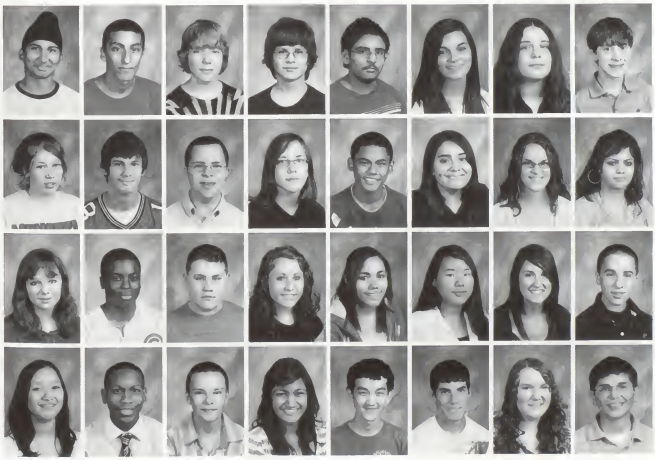
42% get money from their parents

15% of students' money last them three weeks

78 freshmen surveyed May 8

dishing out the cash
While doing chores, Nick Kiesling, freshman, works towards his allowance for the week. "I did some chores to help around the house and to get some extra cash."

"I umpired for Munster Little League games for Junior Miss. I got about $18 a game."
Jake McCullough



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Michael Roser
Kyle Ruckert

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Amber Scott

David Sears
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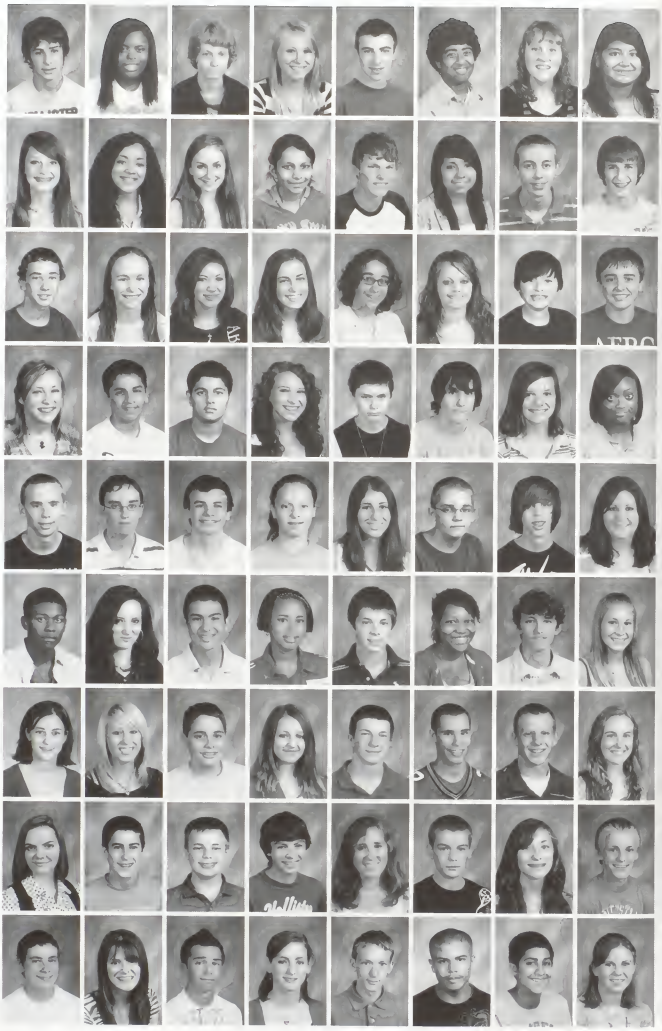


pressed for space

freshmen ▪ **organization skills** ▪ freshmen ▪ freshmen ▪ freshmen

what unusual objects occupied your pencil case/book bag?

"Umbrella, brush and a candy cane." **Susan John**

"Pens, pencils and books needed for my classes and the Munster High School student planner. Nothing unusual." **Kaitlin Jones**

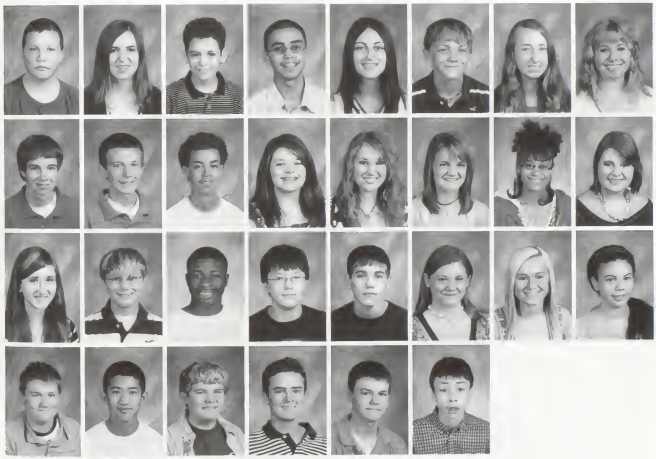
balance the books Reaching into his locker, Korey Breger, freshman, puts his Modern World History book away. "I kept my locker clean because I shared it with my sister and she made me keep it that way," Korey said.

"The most unusual thing was probably my pencil case itself. It was a smiling taco. Now I have one that looks like underwear and is called a briefcase." **Logan Foreit**

"Notes from friends and random drawings." **Christina Fischer**

"Retainer case, lunch box, athletic shorts and boxers." **Alex Reinsma**

"Guitar pick and liquid glue." **Alissa Flores**



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older & wiser

moving on up

feeling a sense of comfort, students express joys of no longer being freshmen

"I felt that I was given more opportunities this year. You had a wider selection of classes you could choose to take, which I took advantage of by taking foods. Also, you were given more responsibilities in the classroom and teachers trusted you a little more with time management."

Matt Echeverria

"Freshman year I was a lot more conscious about my grades, but this year I was more comfortable in school and decided to slack off."

John Ford

"I'm not really sure how this year changed academically, it seemed pretty much the same. However, this year was more fun because you were not picked on for being a freshman anymore and you had a little better feel for where everything was."

Milena Lukic

"This year was better than freshman year because I knew how to handle my classes and what kind of workload to expect."

Terra Matthews

in plain sight Lost in deep thought, Lauren Johnson, sophomore, fills out a lab report. "Chemistry had a lot more labs than Biology did, which I personally disliked," Lauren said. However, she looked forward to taking Anatomy and Physiology.

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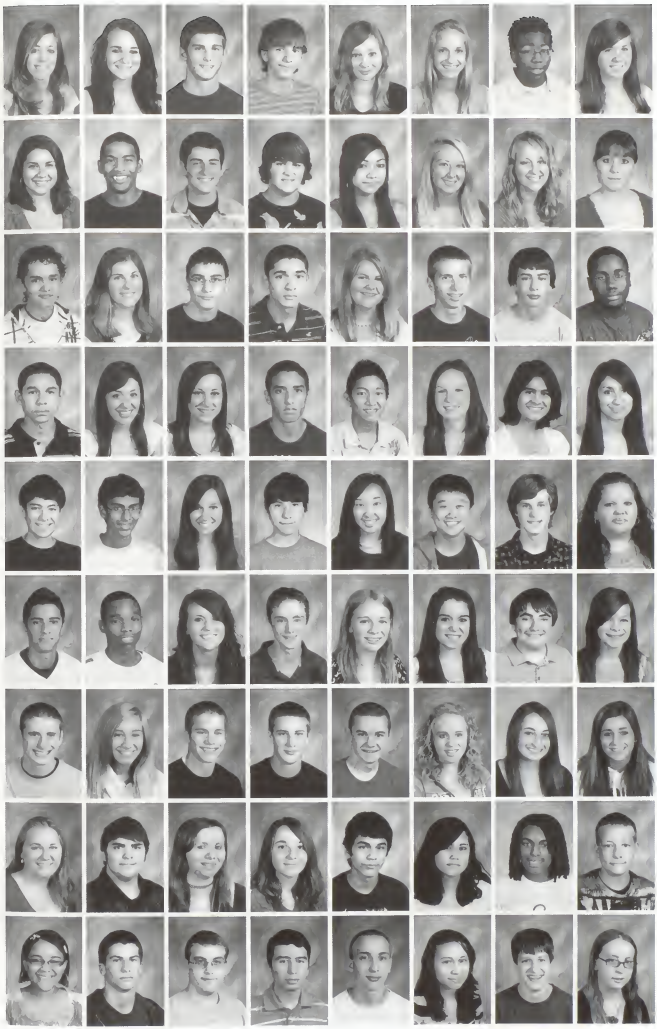

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licensed to ride

road rules

students weigh in on the difficulties of the driving test

38% felt the written portion of the exam was harder

57% were 15 when they got their permit

46% believed parallel parking proved challenging

74 sophomores surveyed May 6

driving back fired

students share embarrassing moments about learning to drive

"I was on a bridge while learning to drive and I needed to make a lane change and so I started breaking instead of speeding up. I heard a car screech behind me and it swerved into the other lane as an old lady gave me the finger."

Tyler Kerrick

"I backed into a car that was parked across the street from my driveway."

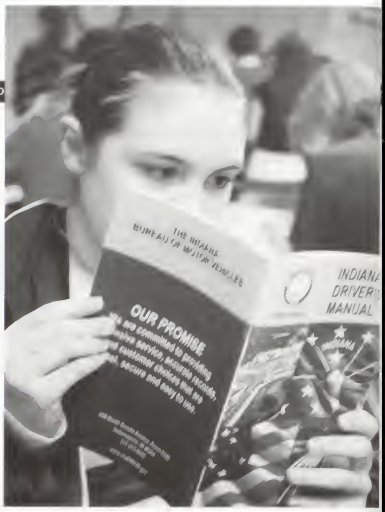
Santana Cisneros

"I almost took the side mirror off my mom's car."

Jess Clark

"When I was trying to parallel park, while holding up traffic, I had to attempt three times before getting it right.

Tommy Costello



test drive Cramming some extra study time at lunch, Samantha Morse, sophomore, studies for her driving exam. "I put in a couple of weeks of studying because I felt that my driver's license was a really important thing to have," Samantha said. "With it I could be able to drive myself to my after school activities."

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Natalie Fischer
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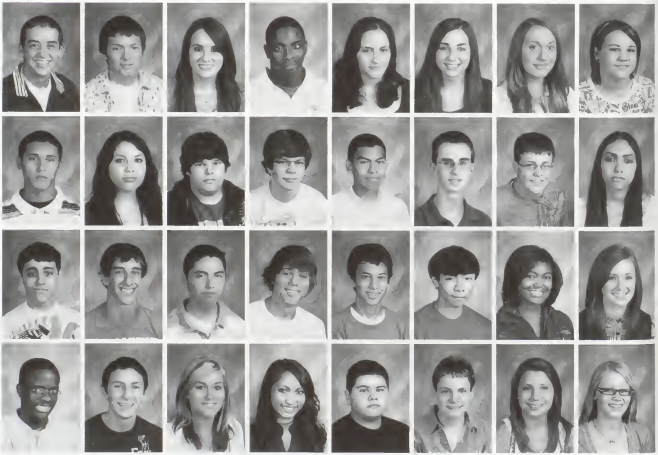

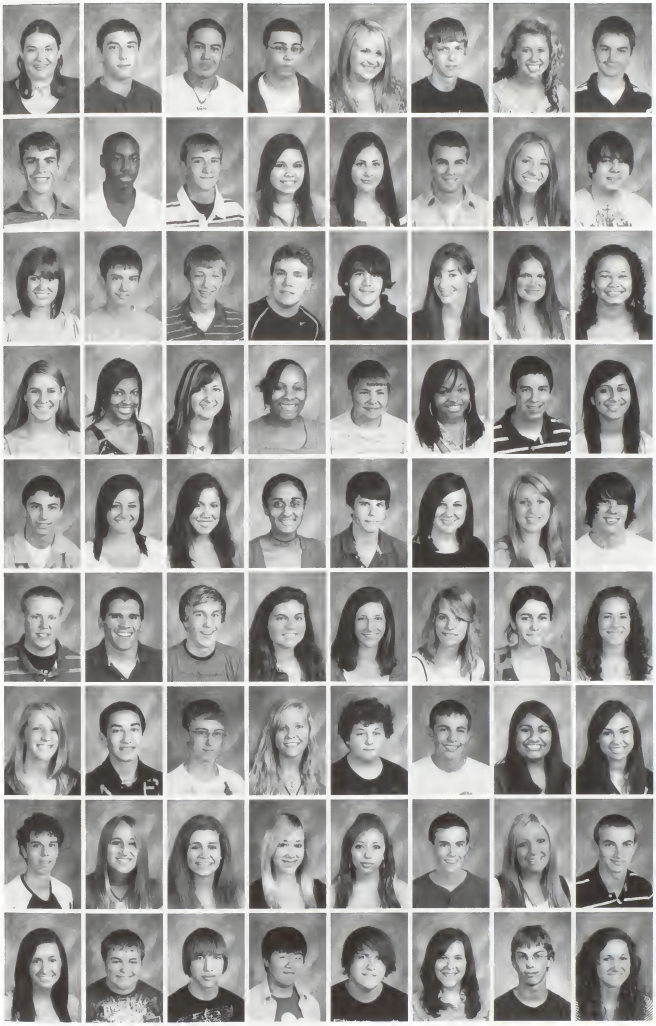

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taste test

delightful delectables

students share lunchtime favorites

"I loved making my own Greek salads. I never got tired of them and I loved that they were really healthy."
Alex Kattan

"Buffalo bites were the closest thing to normality in the cafeteria, but they were really expensive."
Andrew Koultourides

cafeteria cuisine

healthy or dangerous, options exist while dining in the cafeteria

The Klondike Choco Taco, sold at lunch, contains 11g of saturated fat.

The cafeteria's french toast meal (without dessert) had 798 calories.

One orange contains 152% of the daily recommended value of vitamin C.

A one pint Dean's chocolate milk chug had 50 g of sugar.

stick out At lunch Jourdan Furlong, sophomore, licks her french toast stick. "I lick a lot of foods before I eat them. I have been doing it since I was a kid," Jourdan said. She believes the foods taste better that way.

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Leonel Lopez
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Cortney Lowry
Joe Luecke

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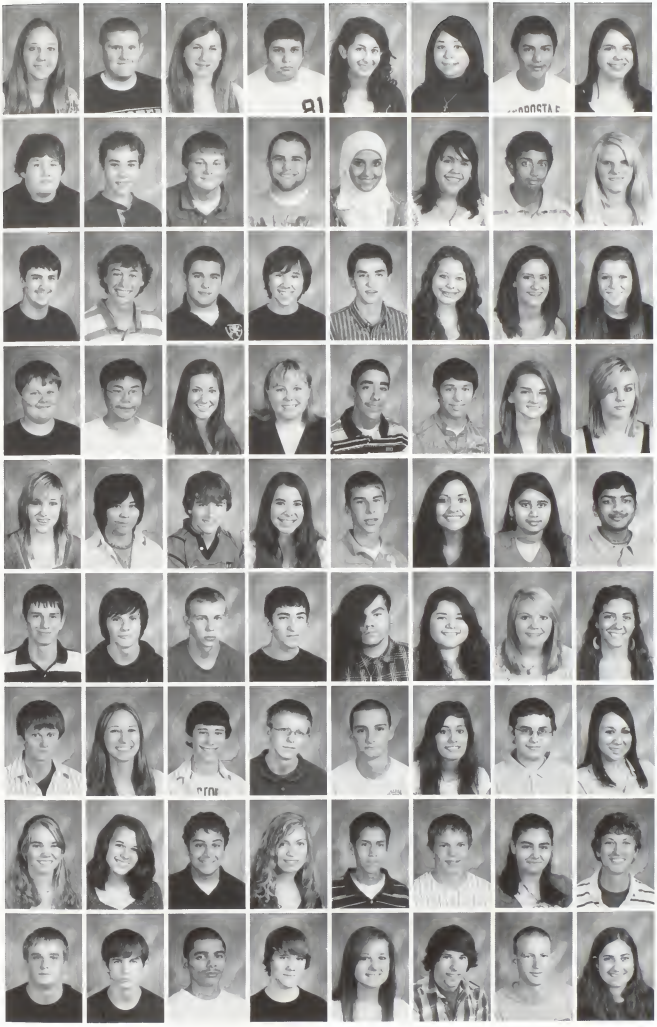

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Matthew Rhoda
Emilie Riggs

cost crunch

tastytreats
students recommend favorite restaurants to try

"If was going to spend a little more, I enjoyed Dick's Last Resort in Chicago because the atmosphere was fun and it was more of an experience."
Jess Clark

"I always ate at Taco Bell because the Crunch Wrap Supreme was amazing!"
Sarah Clusserath

chill out Behind Fro Yo, sophomores Adrienne Ault, Haley Conger, Anastasia Papadatos, Bridget McCullough and Emilie Riggs enjoy their cools treats. "My favorite item was the cookie dough ice cream because it had a bunch of cookie dough," Anastasia said. Fro Yo provided a common hang out for the group.

food for thought
students give insight on their favorite places to eat on a budget

Favorite Food	$5 or less	$6-19	$20 or more
Sumanth Chintamani	Subway	Panera Bread	Uno's
Jessica Flores	Wendy's	Commander	Red Lobster
Jess Clark	Lincoln Subs	Panda Express	Dick's Last Resort
Tommy Costello	McDonald's	Applebee's	Maggiano's
Gerad Roque	Wendy's	Schoop's	House of Kobe

Daniel Robles
Gabriella Roque
Jared Roque
Evan Rowley
Anthony Rubino
Dominic Ruffalo
Logan Ruiz
Samantha Salzeider

Gabrielle Sapyta
Shelby Sarnowski
Sarah Satti
Samuel Schlesinger
Kaylin Schmidt
Jake Schnick
Emily Scholtz
Elana Schwartz

Alyssa Schweitzer
John Seaman
Alexander Serrano
Aaditya Shah
Monica Shah
Niral Shah
Jacob Shalen
Nathan Sharmat

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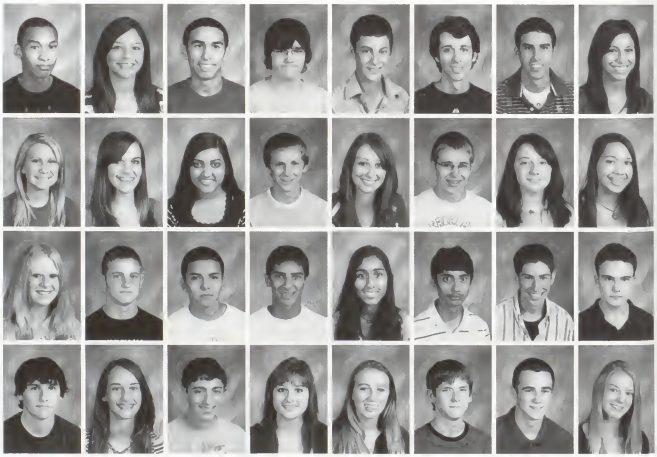
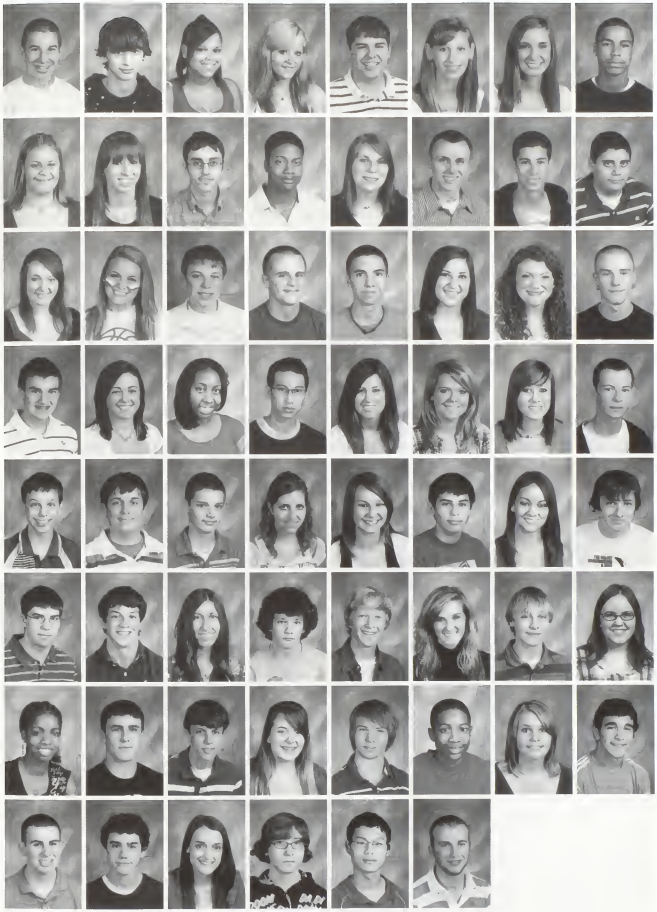
Rachel Shmagranoff
Ryan Shreibak
Shannon Shreibak
Meagan Simmons
Timothy Slifko
Jacob Smith
Kayla Smith





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Casimir Soczyk
Brianna Solola
Ashlyn Soy
Brandon Sparks
Kyela Specht
Paige Spinks
Taylor Spinosa

Ashley Spitz
Lauren Starcevich
Adam Stepanovic
John-Paul Stephens
Miriam Stock
Brian Stolarz
Anthony Storino
Michael Storino

Samantha Strimel
Kelsey Surma
Stephen Swibes
Michael Swift
Evan Sylvester
Karly Taylor
Katie Taylor
Joshua Thomas

Dillon Thompson
Jelena Todorovic
Diamond Toms
Rogelio Torres
Kaelyn Toth
Kristina Traxler
Natalie Tribou
Nathan Tribou

David Trykall
Shawn Tuttle
Michael Tzolov
Katherine Van Deursen
Jessica Van Wieren
Gilbert Vasquez
Lauren Vasquez
Robert Vernier

Calvin Vick
Michael Vitkus
Catherine Vlahos
Carter Vusak
Jonathan Wachala
Elizabeth Wadas
Christopher Wadlow
Hannah Wagner

Jennifer Walton
Kyle Wargo
Brandon Weinberg
Nicole Wujcik
Christopher Yothment
Christian Young
Angelique Zadrozny
Steven Zahariadis

Stephan Zajac
Evan Zarowny
Danielle Zawistowski
Nathan Zembala
Fengyee Zhou
Brandon Zoppetti

Epaminondas Agelopolos
Laura-Alyssa Aguilar
Kurt Alberson
Ashley Alexander
Laurence Allen
Vincent Alo
Sara Altgilbers
Jacqueline Alvarado

Bria Anderson
Katherine Andreatos
William Andrews
Bradley Armour
Kayla Bachert
Karl Bacoyanis
Ben Balasia
Haley Barfoot

Daniel Bazan
Emily Becher
Joseph Belkairous
Morgan Bell
Mary Benman
Robert Bergren
Nikhil Bhagwat
Alexandra Blanchard

Alysia Blatsioris
David Blumberg
Katherine Bobek
Alisa Bochnowski
John Bochnowski
Clint Boelt
Andrew Bogs
Christopher Bonessa

Joseph Bonessa
Cristina Bonini
Bethany Borgo
Ellie Boston
Brittney Boyd
Colleen Boyle
Co-Juan Bradley
Brandon Bragg

Kristin Brajak
Nicholas Brown
Matthew Brozovic
Joel Brumm
Camille Burger
Ashley Burton
Stephen Cafmeyer
Aaron Caldwell

Anthony Campana
Justin Campbell
Alyssa Capizzani
Deirdre Capriglione
Kyle Carey
Sean Carey
Maritza Carlos
Derek Carlson

Adam Carroll
Fernando Carvajal
Erica Case
Michael Caselton
Rachel Ceja
Divya Chauhan
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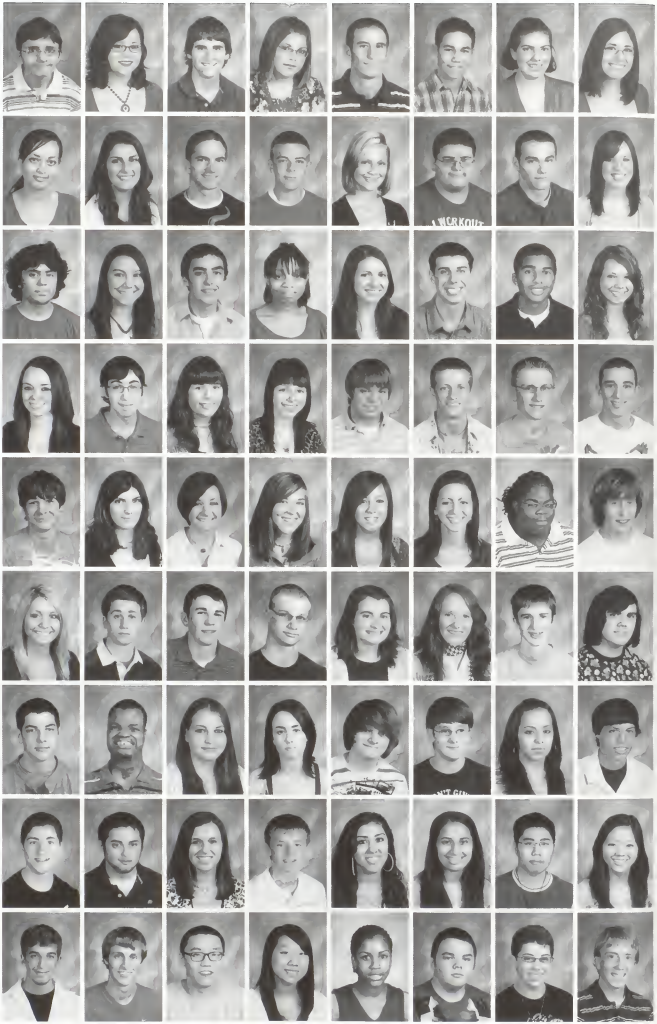


fun & games

double jeopardy Fist in hand, Melissa Lee, junior, plays rock, paper, scissors to go first in Gatsby jeopardy. "It was always more fun to play games to learn about the books we were reading in class," Melissa said. "You still got to learn and analyze the book, but it was better than listening to a boring lecture." **Presenting their Great Gatsby projects** for Mr. Jonas Wertin's Honors English class, juniors Patrick Raycroft and Ryan Wilkinson quiz their peers.

best part of being a junior

"It gave you the closest feeling of being an upperclassman without the stress of moving away from all of it the following year."
Michael Caselton

"You were more than halfway done with high school. You were also more comfortable with the school."
Gabrielle Pressley

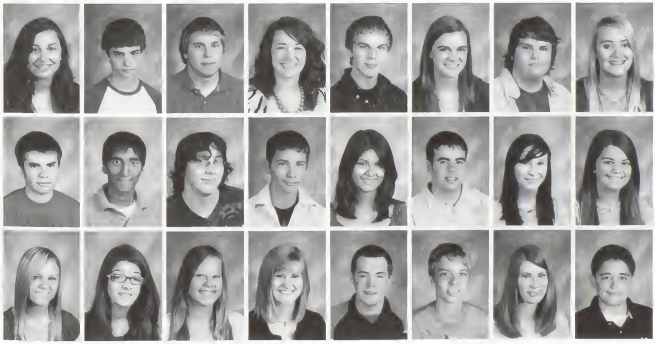
"I liked the feeling of being an upperclassman. I liked setting good examples for the lower grades."
Joshua Willis

worst part of being a junior

"The worst part about being a junior was definitely the amount of stress from school. You got more homework and took harder classes."
Erica Case

"It was your last year to get the grades for college. Junior year could make or break you. You had a lot more responsibility."
Ian Svoboda

"The worst part about being a junior was having to do the research paper and taking the SATs and ACTs."
Taylor Roy



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Alex Coyle
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Ellen Crilly
Samuel Cummings
Kara Curosh
Travis Dade
Nina Damjanovich

Michael Damore
Vivek Dasari
Edward De Cero
Ricky Decker
Kavita Dedania
Jose Delgado
Samantha Delgado
Cassara Diederich

Paige Dillman
Alyssa Djuric
Katie Dobis
Alexandria Doctor
Michael Doherty
Craig Dohman
Anna Dorn
Michael Dovellos

Katlynn Doyle
Mary-Louise Drzich
Matthew Dublak
Stephanie Dwars
Kyle Dytrych
Samantha Eanes
Sarah Eldert
Elodie Enger

Michael Erwin
Mariana Esparza
Patrick Fagan
Khashayar Farhadi
Matthew Farrell
Ximena Fernandez de Cordova
Margarita Figueroa
Ariel Fischer

John Fissinger
Robert Fleener
Alexander Fleming
Cullan Fleming
Logan Flores
Stefanie Flowers
Samantha Flynn
Karina Fonseca

Kathryn Frakes
Carrie Frank
Whitney Freeman
Brian Fultman
Jillian Gadzala
Jack Gallagher
Fabian Garcia
Rosalba Garibay

Johnathon Gaskill
Max Gershman
Christopher Gill
Justin Gill
Ravneet Girn
Benjamin Goldenberg
Camille Gonzalez
Jessica Goodrich

Pradeep Gopal
Kyle Gouwens
Natalie Gouwens
Sonia Grabowski
Emma Grdina
Julia Groszek
Jelena Grozdanich
Daniel Grubisich

Adrian Gutierrez
Marko Gvero
Matthew Hale
Rachel Hannigan
Michael Hanus
Kristin Harker
Miles Hastings
Drake Hauflaire

Madolyn Hedin
Rachael Heiniger
Kevin Heinrich
Margaret Heneghan
Robyn Hennig
Jason Herd
Anneliese Hernandez
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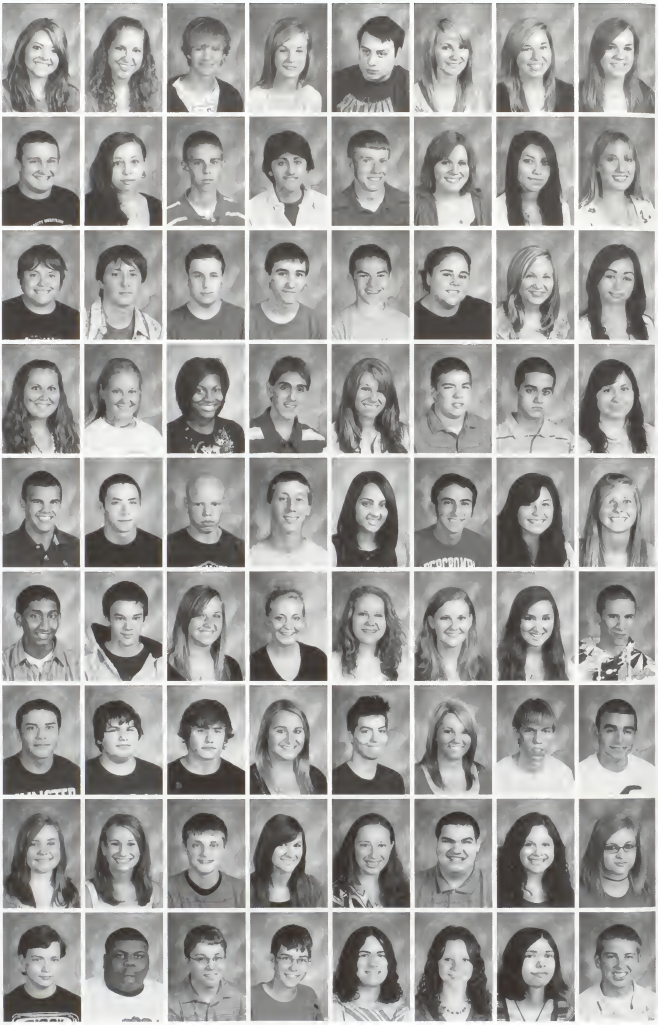


until all hours

cottonelle or charmin? Caution tape in hand, Gabby Rapin, junior, prepares for swimming Sections. "Freshman year when I teepeed, my dad made me come home at 11 p.m.," Gabby said. "This year, I had no curfew because I had gained it by coming home on time freshman and sophomore years." **Reaching towards the limbs,** Katie Debis, junior, throws toilet paper over the trees. **With the hand over hand technique,** Stacey Wierman, junior, teepees every inch of a boy swimmer's house.

afterhours

Wherever your weekend adventures took you, the dreaded curfew always arrived too fast. Below, the Junior Class clocks in.

3% 10-11 p.m.

53% 11 p.m.-midnight

21% After Midnight

23% No Curfew

82 juniors surveyed April 1st

Kristen Hruska
Shelby Hsiao
Anthony Huard
Allie Hurwich
Grace Ispas
Thomas Jenkins
Michael Jerge
Daniel Johnson

Kevin Kalemba
Shirin Kamalipour
Lindsey Kitchell
Elisabeth Klisser
Timothy Klisser
Travis Kmetz
Gregory Kobus
Neil Kondamuri

Danielle Kostial
Kristina Kovacich
Joseph Krupa
Lesley Krzesinski
Lyndsey Kunz
Hannah Kurowski
Jessica Kwasniewski
Stephen Kwolek

Petar Lalic
Brittany Lapa
Christina Lee
Melissa Lee
Jillian Leslie
Patrick Leuser
Bradley Lewis
Troy Lolkema

Amy Lucas
Andrew Lucas
Joshua Lukoshus
Meagan Lynch
Teresa Magallanes
Angelina Mandic
Taylor Marcus
Joanna Marinakos

Robert Marini
Brigid Marriott
Alexander Martell
Joseph Matz
Brittany Maul
Lauren McGill
Mark McKechnie
Matthew McNicholas

Kara McShane
Kaitlyn Melder
Andy Mendoza
Marisa Meneghetti
Kathryn Merritt
Cody Michniewicz
Nikola Mileusnic
Kaitlin Miller

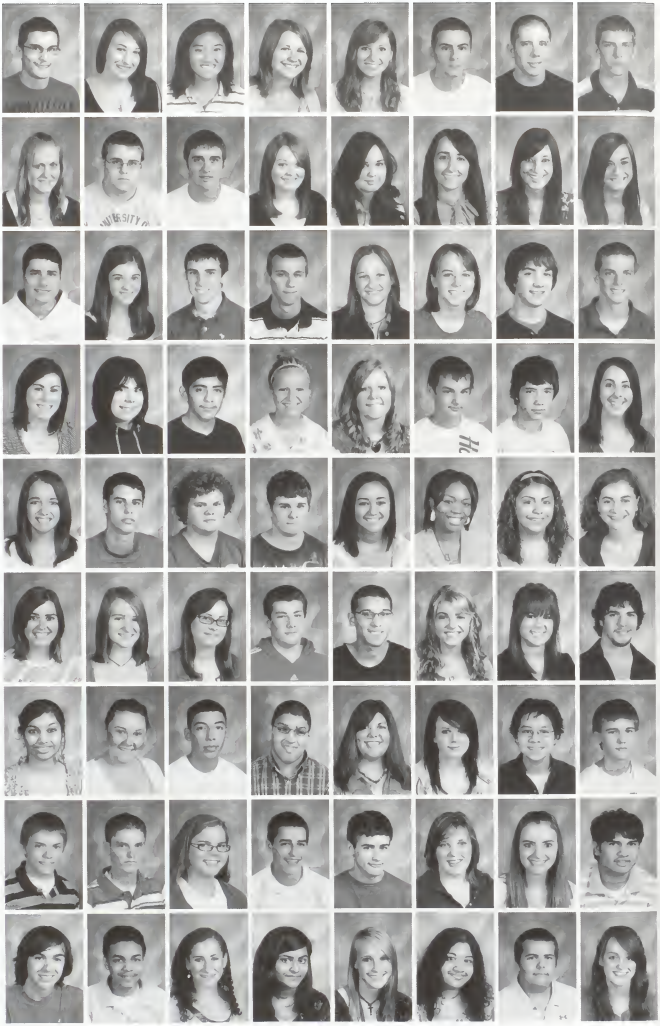
Kristie Miller
Garrett Mintz
Shane Miraglia
Christopher Mitchell
Renae Miyashiro
Michele Monagan
Victoria Montejano
Nicole Montella

Tammy Montella
Erin Montgomery
Lindsay Moore
Paul Moran
Keifer Morgan
Rachel Morrow
Makaela Moyer
Hunter Muckel

Ravinder Multani
Chantel Munsey
Angel Murillo
Anas Musleh
Kellie Nadratowski
Christine Nau
Joseph Navarro
Jay Novatny

Kyle O'Brien
Patrick O'Brien
Gail Oesterle
Alexander Ostoich
Ryan Otto
Katherine Palmer
Danielle Panozzo
Rushi Parikh

Alexander Parobek
Antonio Pasos
Christina Pasyk
Madhavi Patil
Holly Patton
Heena Patwari
Daniel Paulson
Lauren Pazik



pushing limits

how do you stay awake?

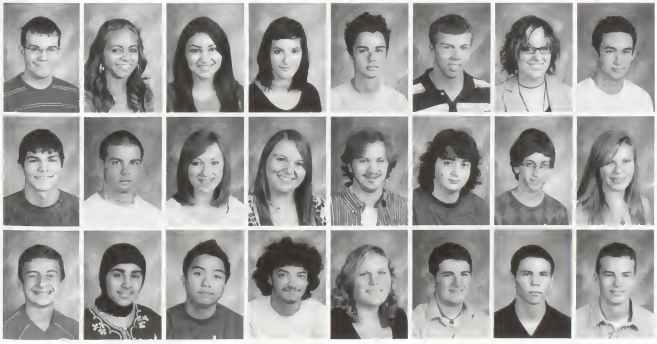
"I took a break by alternating between finishing up my homework and getting on Facebook or listening to music."
Lisa Zurek

"Being tired the next day was not worth staying up to do homework or study."
Kevin Watterson

"I just remembered that if I didn't finish, I would fail. That kept me awake."
Camille Gonzalez

"I fell asleep while doing my work sometimes. I didn't have the will power to keep going."
Joe Krupa

bottoms up Attempting to stay awake, Katie Palmer, junior, studies for Advanced Placement U.S. History. "I took AP classes because it looked good on college applications," Katie said. "It also took money away from tuition." Katie usually got four hours of sleep per night.



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Dezerae Penning
Karina Perez
Jennifer Peters
Milan Petrovich
Michael Phipps
Lorissa Pietruszka
Brandon Pluard

Matt Poulos
Alexander Powell
April Pranske
Gabrielle Pressley
Kyle Pucalik
Ryan Radbel
Armando Ramirez
Gabrielle Rapin

Patrick Raycroft
Sophia Raziuddin
Jeremiah Razon
Christopher Reba
Nicole Reinsma
Clarke Remmers
Thomas Rindoks
Kyle Ritz

Chelsea Roach
Robert Roach
Angel Robles
Camille Rodriguez
Nicole Rodriguez
Amanda Rogers
Jennifer Rooth
Kristi Roser

Sarah Rosser
Taylor Roy
Nada Sabbah
Alyssa Salata
Leslie Salisbury
Thomas Sanders
Emily Saucedo
Kelly Schlotman

Ellen Schwarz
Molly Scott
Danielle Scully
Anup Segu
Jessica Seligman
Vanessa Sepiol
Niyati Shah
Reema Shah

Julia Shlensky
Michael Siano
Christopher Sicinski
Ruha Siddiqui
Sarah Sikora
Katie Silaj
Jennifer Silverman
Sarah Skertic

Matthew Skiba
Allison Skimehorn
Kristen Slaboski
Andrea Slamkowski
Justin Slosser
Emily Speckman
Kelli Spurlock
Mason Staniszewski

Kristen Starcevich
Joshua Steinberg
Ryan Stiffler
Alex Surma
Ian Svoboda
Paula Sweis
Zachary Swetlik
Deanna Sylvester

Danielle Szumlas
Dylan Tabor
Richard Tabor
Evan Tomczak
Tetsuo Toyama
Grant Traxler
Zachary Tritsch
Emily Turner

Ines Tzolov
Joshua Van Kleek
Bennie Vassallo
Michael Vassallo
Zachary Vega
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Bailey Voss
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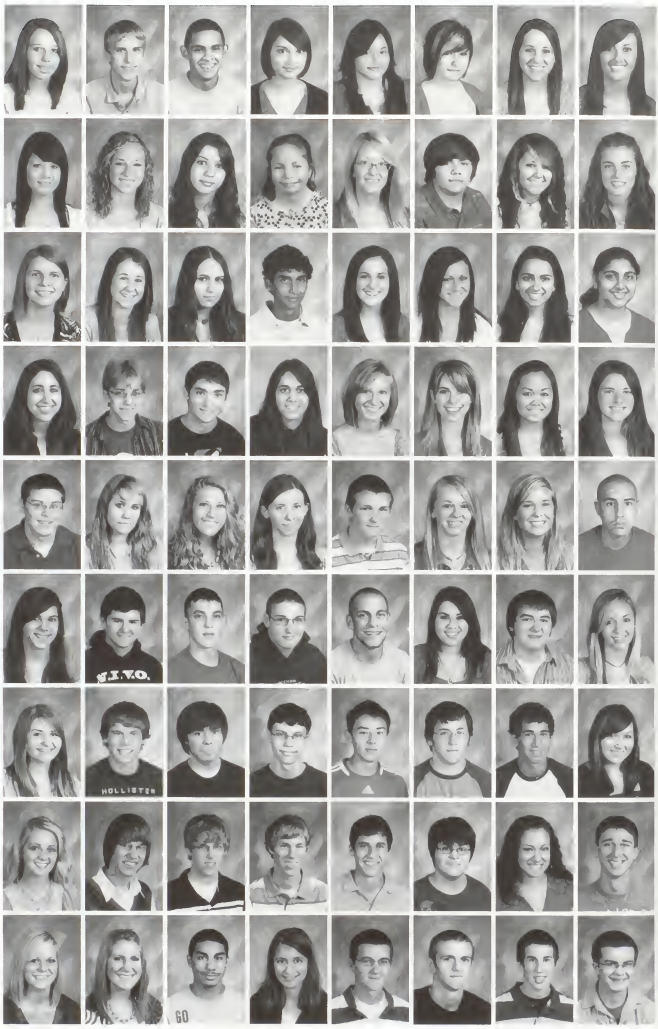


friendly confines

"We loved their bagels and iced coffee. It was a good way to start our mornings because it put us in good moods. It was a good way to spend Contact Time when we didn't have to see a teacher or study."

Kristen Slaboski

"I went to Dunkin Donuts with Taylor Marcus and Kristen Slaboski every Thursday morning. It was fun to catch up and talk before school. It was a good way to relax before the hustle and bustle of school began."

Kristi Roser

night owls

Below are the top three weekend activities of the junior class.

1. **Hanging out at a friend's house**
2. **Driving around**
3. **Going out for dinner**

Sarah Whiting
Stacey Wierman
Ryan Wilkinson
Elaine Williams
Joseph Willis
Joshua Willis
Elijah Wilson
Mallory Wisotsky

Joshua Wojcik
Bogusz Wozniak
Joseph Wulf
Hao Ye
Adrian Yepez
Joshua Yokovich
Krista Zagar
Tomasz Zembrowski

Sean Ziemba
Lisa Zurek

top to bottom

seniors ■ seniors ■ **when it comes to being a senior...** ■ se

senior citizens

Seniors share their memorable moments and their experiences of being at the top of their class

"The great thing about being a senior was not having to worry about my grades as much. I've already been accepted to college and my plans were made for school and everything. Senior year was a lot more relaxed because everyone had decided what they were doing. The atmosphere was more relaxed, too." **Sidarth Dasari**

"By this time I knew that I was prepared for college. After four years at Munster, it's kind of hard not to be. Being a senior just seemed like the end of my high school story. While it was fun along the way, it did really teach me things and I knew that I wouldn't have any problems downstate because of it." **Mike McIntyre**

"I liked being at the top of the school. We went through being the youngest, the ones stuck in the middle, and now we were finally at the top. Senior year was like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. All that we'd worked for was right there, and we were about to go into it. I felt like we deserved to be here after all that we've been through." **Rizzie Fisher**

"The one thing I thought of when senior year came to mind was knowing that I learned a lot during my educational career. I also thought that it was going to be great to have a new beginning and a fresh start once high school was over. It was sad that we were leaving everyone we've been around for so long, but it was time to go." **Jamie Swing**

jump through hoops With hula hoop at his feet, Marcin Kuzma, senior, plays around during Calculus. "Being a senior allowed for more play time," Marcin said. "We got to have more fun during class instead of following rigid lesson plans like earlier years."

Ryanne Abraham: Munster Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 10,12); Spanish 12; ASL 12
Michael Adams: Football 9; Baseball 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Spanish 9-10; French 11-12
Alyssa Marie Adcock: Cheerleading 10-12; SADD 10; Project X 9
Casey Aerts
José Aguilar: Wrestling 9-10; Band 10-12; Jazz Band 12





Marcus Alfonsi: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12);
Sara Ambry: NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12; DECA 12; Spell Bowl 9;
Academic Team 11; Art 9, 10-12; Softball 9-10
Colleen Anderson: Swimming 9-12; Theater 10-12; Pep Band 11; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-10; DECA 12
Hannah Anderson: German 10-12; DECA 12; Project X 12; Art 11
Fabian Arteaga









Christina Avgerinos: *Paragon* 11-12 (Ed.-in-chief 11-12/copy ed. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 9-11; Spanish 10-12; Art 9
Celéste Aviña: Spanish 10; French 12
Anthony Ayersman
Philip Baker
Stephanie Renae Baker: Diving 10; Spanish 11





Corey Bandura: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12)
Katharine Banks: Speech and Debate 9-10; We the People 11; *Paragon* 10,12 (Asst. Design Ed. 10, Copy Ed. 12); French 9-12; NHS 11-12; Theater 9-10; IU Honors 11; Thespians 10-12
Lissa Barrios: Art 11-12
Eric Barth: Speech and Debate 9-12; German 11; Academic Team 12; We the People 12; DECA 12
Robert Bateman





Justin Berg
Alison Bergmann: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Swimming 10-12; NHS 11-12; Speech and Debate 9-12; SADD 10-12; Spanish 10-12; Wind Ensemble 10-12; IU Honors 11
Jessica Biestek: Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12; Spanish 9-12; Tennis 10; Track 11; NHS 11-12; Student Govt.11-12 (Historian 12); IU Honors 10
Anthony Bissonnette: Swimming 9-10
Adam Robert Bobeck: Speech and Debate 10-12; German 9-12; French 10-12; Theater 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Art 9-10
Brittney Boender
Carli Bolanowski: Diving 9-10; Spanish 9-11; Project X 9-11; Art 9; Photographer 10-11
Edyta Borowicz: German 9-12; Track 9-10
Christina Boswell
Ian A. Boswell: Football 9-12; Basketball 9; Baseball 9; Track 11-12





Janelle Marie Boudreau: Auditorium Staff 9-12; Thespians 10-12; Spanish 9; African Drumming 11-12; Wrestling Manager 9-12; Colorguard 9-12
Matthew Christopher Boyan: French 9-12; Project X 11
Nicholas Bozich
Britney Breger: Spanish 9-11; Project X 9-11; Theater 9-12 (10-12 House Manager, Scenic Director); CEC 12
Garrett Broadnax: Cross Country 12; Basketball 11; Track 11-12; Spanish 11





Abbey Brokop: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); French 9-12
Leah Brousalis: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Student Govt. (11-12); Project X 9; SADD 9
Nicholas Brown
Cara Bruzan: Volleyball 9; Project X 11-12; ASL 12; DECA 11-12; Art 11; SADD 11
Austin Bubash

take aim

Q&A

School spirit is fundamental in boosting attitudes and hyping students up for sporting events. Students reflect on what school spirit means to them.

Q What was your favorite Spirit Day and why? 80's Workout Day. It got me pumped up the whole day. I could just jump around and be hyper because it was acceptable. **Amy Vogel**

Q What personal spirit did you bring to the superfan group? I helped decide what colors to use and helped design at least two t-shirts throughout the year for the fans. We liked to get the parents involved. We had the parents cheer back and forth with one another. **Terry Grunewald**

Q How did your views on school spirit change over the years? Honestly freshman and sophomore year I was more spirited with school events because by senior year I was distracted with college. I just started thinking about my future. **Emily Ellison**

Q What school spirit traditions did you view as essential to pass on to underclassmen? I think just getting excited for school activities and just having more fun with Homecoming. It was tradition and it was our last year here that we wanted to do it big. **Danica Rodriguez**

point and shoot Mimicking a bow and arrow with his hands, Adrian Eloisa, senior, cheers at the Boys' Varsity Basketball game at East Chicago. "I was 'shooting down' EC players," Adrian said. "The crowd was so pumped it was hard not to act crazy."

Stephanie Marie Bugyis: Marching Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Theater 9-12; Pep Band 9-10,12; Jazz Band 10; Orchestra 9-10, NHS 11-12; Project X 9; Spanish 9, Art 9
Katherine Burns: Spanish 9
Thomas D. Bustalino: Track 9
Danielle Jane Cacich: Spanish 10-12; Band 9-11; Orchestra 12; SADD 9,12; Project X 10-12, NHS 11-12, Auditorium Staff 9-12 (sound director 10-11, technical director 12); DECA 12
Mark Cady: African Drumming 12

Stephanie Campana
Justin Campbell
Karina Chavez: Softball 9; Spanish 10-12; Project X 11-12; SADD 11-12; ASL 11; German 11; French 11
James Cherrier
Mythili Chintamani: Orchestra 10-12; Women's Ensemble 10-11; Speech and Debate 9-10, 12; NHS 11-12; SADD 10-11; Spanish 10-11; French 11-12

Vince Ciccone
Matthew Cipich
Brice Clark: Art 10-12; Football 11; Track 11
Greg Clark: Football 9-12
Taylor Compton: Theater 9-12; Volleyball 9-10; Art 9-11

Lindsey Conger
Phoebe Conner: Spanish 9-12; SADD 10-11; Project X 10-11; NHS 11-12; Volleyball 9-10; Softball 9-12
Vanessa Cordova: Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12; Spanish 9-12; Student Govt. 10-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Diving 9; DECA 12; Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11
Gabriela Cornejo: Project X 9; Spanish 10-11; Art 12; SADD 12
Kyle Corsiglia

Andrew Covert
John Crisman: Basketball Manager 10-12
Ryan Cusick
Andrea Damore
Debarshi Das

Sidarth Dasari: Academic Team 9-10,12; NHS 12; DECA 9-12 (sec. 10-12); Speech and Debate 10-12; We the People 12 (co-capt.)
Eric John DeBarge: ASL 11
Jessica DoBoer
Allison Christine DeGeorge: Orchestra 9-11; Spanish 10-11; ASL 12
Andrea Dell'Aquila: Project X 9-12; SADD 11-12 (sec. 12); Spanish 11; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; NHS 11-12

Daya Devanathan: Speech and Debate 9-10,12; Theater 9-11; Orchestra 9-12; Project X 10-12; NHS 11-12; Prom Queen 12
Jessica Lyn DeYoung
Tony DiCostanzo: Spanish 10; Basketball 9-12; DECA 12
Sean Dillner: Football 9-12; Basketball 9-11
Tanya Djuric: Spanish 9; Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12)

Cassandra Drillias: Cheerleading 9-12
Courtney Lynn Drobac: Spanish 9-10; Basketball 11
Mark Dye
Margaret Eagan
Lisa Ebel

sticky situation

what were some of your embarrassing moments?

"During a run in cross country, I made a wrong turn during a route and I ended up at school 20 minutes late."
Jocelyn Araya

"Junior year in my English class, I was moving my desk, and I tripped and fell over my bag and everyone laughed at me. The whole desk fell with me."
Abhinav Ravi

"As a freshman I was in a class with mostly upperclassmen. On the first day I was called to the front of the class. I got up and proceeded to trip and fall on my face. After being laughed at for several minutes I tried to act like it was no big deal, but my voice cracked. I did not speak again in that class for almost six weeks."
Seth Flahaven

"I tripped over the rug by the doors heading into north–twice. By then I was laughing hysterically and just lied there as other students and my friends joined in the laughter. Good times."
Britney Breger

"I lost my cell phone... went to the Munster-Valpo [basketball] game wearing all white to a blackout because I couldn't find out what color it was. This was freshman year."
Joe Martinez

"Kiste [Ruiz] came in with a stick, and on the end was a pink thong. He said he found it on the doorstep. Once I got closer, I realized it was mine. It had fallen out of my backpack when I walked into the house."
Stephanie Ruiz

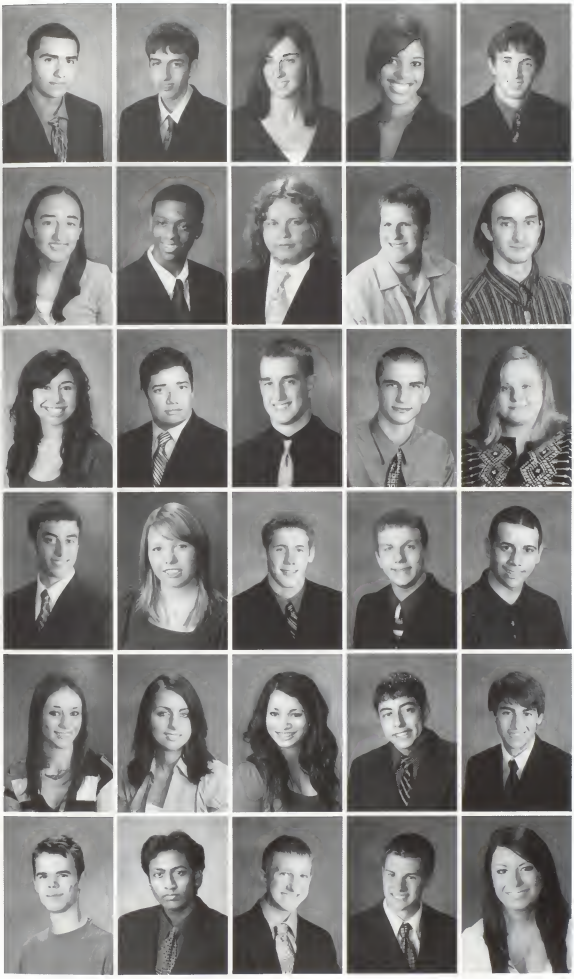
"After a choir concert I got caught making out in the alcove by someone trying to find the exit."
Jose Aguilar

"I passed out in health class freshman year, and I fell onto my substitute teacher's lap. The nurse came and got me in a wheelchair... it was so embarrassing."
Shelby Taylor

it's a girl!? Pink balloons in hand, Joe Longawa, senior, strolls down the hall to his last class on his birthday. "I felt a little weird because on the balloons it said, 'It's a girl,'" Joe said, "and some lady actually asked me if I had a child."

Tess Edvardsen: Dance Team 9-10; Spanish 9-12; SADD 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Project X 9-12 (pres. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 9-12 (sec. 12); Valedictorian
Cody Eitzen: Cross Country 9-12; Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-10
Emily Colleen Suzan Ellison: Project X 9; Swimming 9-11; SADD 12; CEC 9; ASL 12
Adrian Eloisa: Football 9-10
Elyse Estes

Lorien Estes: NHS 11-12; Art 9; Speech and Debate 9-12; Theater 9-12; IU Honors 10; We the People 11
Aaron Estrada
Marco Estrada: Tennis 9; Swimming 9; Spanish 9-12 (sec. 9); Art 9-12 (11-12 treas.); French 11; ASL 12; Project X 11-12; SADD 12
Greg Fehlau: DECA 10-12; Track 10; Academic Team 10; CEC 12
Jeff Feliszak: Diving 9-10



Erick Ferrer
Daniel Filic
Leigh Fimbianti: Basketball 9-12; Project X 11
Elizabeth A. Fisher: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); CEC 10-12; Track 9-12; ASL 11-12; Speech and Debate 12
Seth Flahaven: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-11; Spanish 10-12; SADD 10-12; NHS 11-12 (pres. 12)

Kaitlyn Flores: Soccer 9-12; ASL 12
Larry Ford
Edward Fox
Kyle Fox: Basketball 9; Football 10-12
Andrew Joseph Frye: Theater 10-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12; Thespian 10-12

Madison Gallegos: NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; SADD 9-11; Spanish 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Art 11
David Garcia: Football 9-12
Danny Gardner: Football 9-12; NHS 11-12
Matt Gaskey: Basketball 9-12
Breanna Gates

Matthew L. Gehrig: Cross Country 10-12 (capt. 12); Track 10-12; German 10-12; Spanish 10; Art 10
Amanda Gehring: Spanish 10-12; Art 9-10
Sean Georgas: Football 9; French 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Swimming 10-11; Academic Team 12
Joseph Gill: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-11; Basketball 9-11; Spanish 10; NHS 11-12
Philip Gittens

Stephanie Gober
Kayle Goldsmith: Softball 9-10; SADD 9-11; Project X 11; French 12; Theater 10
Jessica Gonsalves
Matthew Gonzalez
Matthew Goodman: Soccer 9-12; Spanish 10-12 (sec. 11, pres. 12); SADD 9-12; NHS 11-12

Adam Goodwin: Track 9; Theater 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Band 9-12; French 11; We the People 12; NHS 12
Goutham Gopal
Gannon Grimmer: DECA 9-12
Terry Grunewald: Soccer 9-12
Brittany Guy: Women's Ensemble 11; SADD 11; Project X 11; ASL 11-12

over the top

extreme behavior

students find ways around rules to display extreme behavior throughout senior year

89% forged a parent's signature

72% text during class

34% got caught texting during class

17% dressed up for every Spirit Day

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geek squad On the floor in French class, Sean Georgas, senior, takes notes during Spirit Week. "Nerd Day was one of the best Spirit Days," Sean said. "So many people participated and we just got to act weird."

Kim Hajduch: Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; publicationsphotographer 11-12; NHS 11-12; Jazz Band 12
Heather Hajduk
Megan Hammermeister: Swimming 9-10; German 10-11
Ryan Hammermeister
Jason Han: Football 9-12; French 10; Track 9-10; DECA 9, 11





Mitch Hanak: Track 9, 11-12; Cross Country 12; DECA 9-12; Academic Team 9-12 (capt. 10,12); NHS 11-12; National Merit
Graham Hanas: Baseball 9; Tennis 9-11; German 10-11; Spanish 9-10
Ethan Hansen: Football 9-10; Spanish 9, 12; NHS 11-12
Marilyn Hansen
Lindsay Anne Hayes: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 9, 12); Student Govt. 9; CEC 10-11; SADD 10, 12; ASL 11-12





Grace Heaney: Art 9-11; French 12; German 10
Thomas George Anthony Hecimovich Jr.: Football 9; Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12)
Evan Heintz
Mary Herald: Volleyball 9; Project X 9
Malissa Hernandez: Women's Ensemble 9-10; Mixed Ensemble 11-12; Theater 9, 11





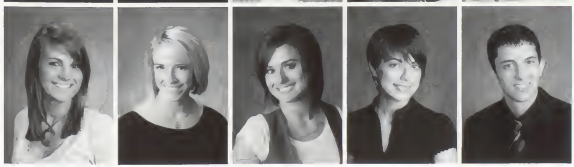
William Heuer: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 11-12) All-State First Team 10-12; Speech and Debate 10-11; NHS 11-12, Track 12
Mary Hill: Tennis 9-12
Katie Hluska: Speech and Debate 9; Track 9; Diving 10; Spanish 11; NHS 12
Taylor Hodges
Lori Hoffmann: Spanish 9-10; SADD 11-12; Project X 11-12; Track 9; ASL 11

Erin Hott: Cross Country 9-10, 12; Project X 10-11; SADD 10-11; NHS 11-12; German 9, 11-12 (pres. 12); Track 10-11
Courtney Brennan Hoyle: Swimming 9-12; CEC 9; NHS 11-12; Theater 11-12
Kevin Hughes
Emily Imrich: Girl's Golf 10-12; Spanish 9; ASL 11-12 (pres. 12); Project X 11; SADD 12
Robin Jiang: Speech and Debate 9-12; DECA 9-12 (vice pres. 10-11, pres. 12); We the People 11; Project X 11; Spanish 9; French 9; German 9; Academic Teams 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12

Doug Johnson: Mixed Ensembles 9-12; Theater 9-12; Thespian 10-12; Speech and Debate 9-10; Marching band 9-12
Rebecca Johnstone: Art 12; Photographer 12
Ciara Jones: Color Guard 9; Spanish 9-10; ASL 11
Matt Kaiser
Joshua A. Kaszkur: German 12

Thomas W. Kenzel
Kelly Kerner
Aava Khatiwada: Project X 9-12 (sec. 11-12); SADD 9-12; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 12; Band 9-11
David Kiesling: Auditorium Staff 9-12; Theater 9-12; Thespians 10-12; NHS 11-12
Laura Anne Kinser: NHS 11-12; Golf 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Softball 9-10; Basketball 9; Track 11-12; SADD 11-12; ASL 11-12; CEC 10-12

Elle N. Kirby: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; IU Honors 11
Jessica Kitchell: Cross Country 10-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12; Dance Team 9-10; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12; Project X 11; SADD 11; French 11
Katie Kocsis: Golf 10-11; ASL 11-12 (treas. 12)
Jessica Koetteritz
Kevin Kooy



Jillian Koselke: DECA 10; Project X 11; Girls' Tennis 11; Theater 11; Homecoming Queen 12
Sophie Koufos: Dance Team 9-10 (capt. 9-10); Spanish 10-12; NHS 11-12; SAD 10-12; French 11; CEC 12
Haroula Kouklakis: Tennis 9-11; Spanish 9; NHS 11-12; Diving 9
Alexa Koultourides: Art 9-11; French 12; German 10
Michael David Kozlowski: Spanish 12; Project X 12; SADD 12

a cut above

goodsports

hard work and dedication to athletics earned students college scholarships

abbeybrokop
School: Lynn University
Boca Raton, FL
Sport: Volleyball
Type of Scholarship: Full tuition plus room and board

maryhill
School: Coastal Carolina University–Conway, SC
Sport: Tennis
Type of Scholarship: Full tuition

mattgaskey
School: Calumet College of Saint Joseph
Whiting, IN
Sport: Basketball
Type of Scholarship: Partial tuition

taylorlee
School: Trinity Christian College–Palos Heights, IL
Sport: Volleyball
Type of Scholarship: Partial tuition

erin moss
School: Winona State University–Winona, MN
Sport: Softball
Type of Scholarship: Partial tuition

joetorres
School: Universtiy of Saint Francis Fort Wayne
Sport: Football
Type of Scholarship: Full tuition

cutting losses Scissors in hand, Matt Gaskey, senior, cuts off his piece of the net after winning the Regional Championship against East Chicago. "Winning was an amazing experience," Gaskey said. "We made school history. I will always remember that."

Rachel Krahn: Track 9; Project X 10; Spanish 11
Brianna Krajewski; Spanish 12; *Paragon* 12
Nithin Krishnan: Academic Team 9-11; Speech and Debate 9-12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12; We the People 11
Sara Krolak: Track 9
Kathryn Krull: Soccer 9-10; Auditorium Staff 9-11 (Asst. House Manager 10-11); Theater 9-12; Speech and Debate 10-12; Women's Ensemble 12; IU Honors 11





Arjun Kumar: Speech and Debate 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; NHS 11-12
Marcin Kuzma: Basketball 9-10; Football 9; Tennis 12; DECA 9-12; CEC 10-12; Spanish 9-11; SADD 9-11; French 9-11; NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12)
Zachery Logan Hunter Langbehn: Football 9-11; CEC 11; DECA 11-12; Speech and Debate 12; Academic Team 11-12; Spanish 9-11 (pres. 9-11)
Gregory Nicholas Lautz: CEC 9-10
Taylor Lee: Volleyball 9-12

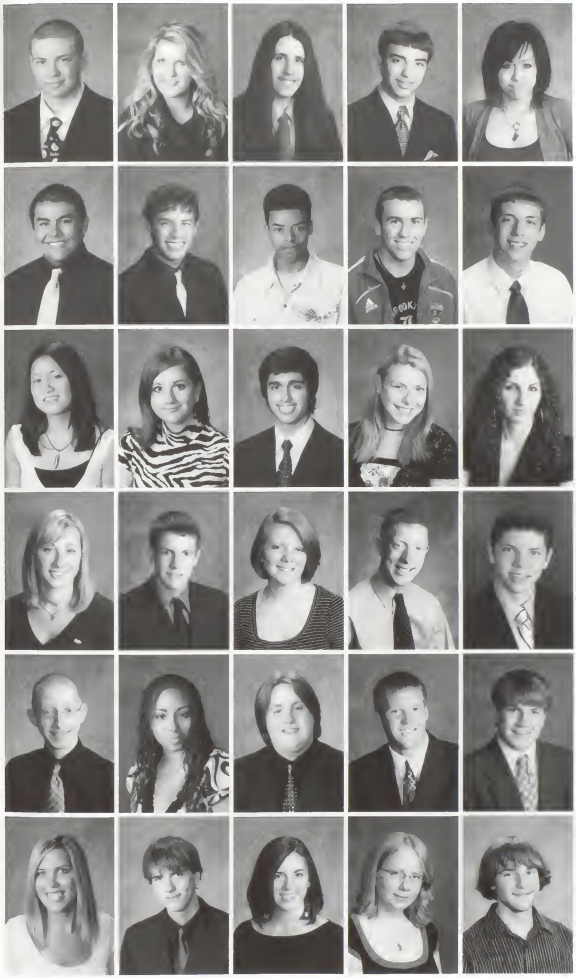




Kurt Michael Leeney: Baseball 9-12; Football 9-10; DECA 9-12; German 10-11; NHS 11-12
Elizabeth Sharon Leslie: Cheerleading 9-10 (capt. 10); Dance Team 11-12; NHS 11-12
Katelin Lewandowski: Color Guard 9-12 (capt. 12); Women's Ensemble 10
Brian Lewis: Theater 9-12; Thespians 11-12; publications photographer 12; Project X 9-10; Academic Team 9-12; CEC 9,11
Daniel Linnear: Swimming 9-12; Speech and Debate 11-12; Theater 10-12; Student Govt. 9-10,12; CEC 11; Spanish 9-10; French 11







Noah Lipinski
Jamie Lissy: Softball 9-12; Volleyball 9-10; NHS 11-12; SADD 9-12; Project X 11-12; French 11-12
Joe Longawa
Brandon A. Lopez: Auditorium Staff 9-10
Gwendolyn Lopez

Manuel Silvestre Lopez: Marching Band 9-12; Pep 11-12; Jazz Band 11-12; Wrestling 9-10; Theater 11; French 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Spanish 12; ASL 12; African Drumming 11-12; SADD 12
Raymond Lopez
Albert Louis
Jeffrey Lucas
Andrew Mack

Jillian Magsaysay: Basketball 9; Softball 9-10; French 9-12 (treas. 11); SADD 9; Art 9-12; Spanish 11
Andrea Manchak: Color Guard 9-12
Viraj Maniar: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); DECA 9-12 (vice pres. 12); CEC 10-12; Academic Team 9-12; Track 9
Patricia Martin: Track 9-11
Sarah Matthies

Laura Matula: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); ASL 12
Adam Mayer: Orchestra 9; Swimming 9-12
Theresa Aileen McGuan: Soccer 9-12; DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12; Marching Band 9-10; Pep Band 9-10
Michael C. McIntyre: Track 9,12; Basketball Manag. 10-11
Patrick McIntyre: Soccer 9-10; DECA 9-12; Project X 9; Academic Team 12

Ryan Matthew McIntyre: Auditorium Staff 9-10
Amanda Merlos
Sam Metz
Greg Meyer: Swimming 9-12; Spanish 11-12
Dan Meyers

Toni Michalski: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12)
Shawn Michel
Morgan Midkiff: Auditorium Staff 9-11; Theater 9-11; Spanish 9-11; Art 9-10; SADD 9-12; Project X 9-12; African Drumming 10-11; NHS 11-12; Speech and Debate 9,12
Martha Mihich: Speech and Debate 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; German 11-12; We the People 11; NHS 11-12
Jordan Milne: Marching Band 9-12; Pep 10-12; Jazz Band 12; French 9-10, 12; Speech and Debate 10; Theater 11

and then some

joys

Knowing that you were legal and can be a more independent person.
Steve Shih

You had more freedom and you could make decisions of what you wanted to do with your life.
Elizabeth Leslie

The joy of going to college and becoming whatever you allowed yourself to become.
Kevin Nossem

You could do things without a parent signature.
Ashley Norris

You started acting more mature and making wise decisions.
Cody Eitzen

You got to be considered an adult.
Katie Kocsis

You got more respect from your parents and teachers.
Stephanie Campana

pains

Extra responsibilities and expectations, such as getting a job and going to college.
Alicia Nieves

If you get busted for something, your name wasn't protected under the privacy law.
Noah Lipinski

Adults expected you to be more mature just because you were 18.
Mythili Chintamani

You were expected to take care of yourself financially.
Sean Tomazin

Finding money to pay for college and look for scholarships.
Jordan Milne

Leaving your best friends and high school memories to start a new chapter in life.
Ryanne Abraham

If you got into big trouble, you could be sent to jail.
Dudley Paquette

down to work On the job, Jason Rutkowski, senior, takes an order from a customer at Howard & Sons Quality Meats. "I needed money to pay for my expenses," Jason said. "I would only really consider a job if I needed money."

Katrina Ann Minton: German 9-12 (sec. 12); French 10-12; Project X 10, 12; SADD 10, 12
Stephanie Mirabelli: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); ASL 12
Katie Miraglia
Ashley Monos
Melina Moreno

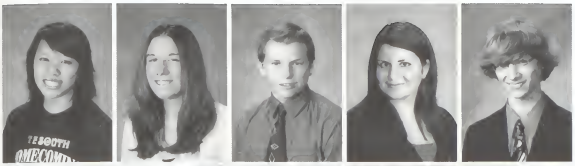




Nicholas Morfas
Chloe Morgan: DECA 10-11
Kylie Morris: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Softball 10
Erin Moss
Amanda Mota







Ping Muangmingsuk: Swimming 9; Diving 10
Samantha Muczynski
Evan Mudroncik: Football 9; Wrestling 9-10; Project X 12
Lana Muhrez
Justin Mulesa: Auditorium Staff 10-12; NHS 11-12; Speech and Debate 10-12; Marching Band 9-12

Michele Murday
Sarah Mustain
Takehito Nakagawa: German 12
Eric Neiner: Band 9-12; Track 9-12; Pep Band 9-12
Matt Nelson

Allison Lee Newman: Color Guard 9-12; Spanish 10; Theater 9-12; Thespians 10-12; ASL 11; Orchestra 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12
Lana Nguyen: Basketball 9-10; Volleyball 10; Track 9-10; Tennis 10; Art 9-12; French 9-11
Alicia Nieves: Speech and Debate 9-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12; We the People 11; DECA 9-10
Daniel Nootens: Track 9-10; Swimming 9-10
Anthony Norris

Ashley Norris: French 9-12; Tennis 9; IU Honors 11
Kevin J. Nossem: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12); DECA 10-12; French 9-12 (vice pres. 11, pres. 12); CEC 12; Academic Team 12; NHS 11-12
Michelle Novak
Nick Nowaczyk: Football 10-12
Rose Nowicki

Rachel Nowinski: Spanish 10-11; Art 10
Matthew Noworyta
Obinna Okolocha
Federico Olaosebikan: Track 9-12; Cross Country 10-12 (capt. 12); French 9-12 (vice pres. 12); DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 12; Orchestra 9-10
Tanner Ollo: African Drumming 9-12; Ensembles 11-12; Theater 10-12; Orchestra 9-12; Thespians 12

Steve Ondo
Jorrdan Orr
Martin Ortiz Jr.: Football 9-12; Track 9; Wrestling 10,12; Spanish 9-10
Micaela Ossanna: Track 9; Cross Country 9-10; Swimming 10
Maddy Oswald

family ties

all in the family

students balance school needs with family responsibilities

"Often I had to take care of my younger sisters. Occasionally I had to prepare dinner for them and do recycling, vacuuming, and sweeping. I didnt really think about it too much. It was just part of my daily routine."

Alicia Nieves

"I cooked dinner for my whole family about five out of the seven days. I cooked a lot of easy foods like macaroni and cheese or hamburgers, which is a specialty."

Janelle Boudreau

- Drive sister to Seton Academy school in South Holland, IL every morning
- Drive sister to driver's education at Certified Drive School every Monday and Wednesday
- Collect and take out garbage each week
- Babysit 3, 5 and 6-year-old nieces and nephew every weekend
- Work 3-4 days a week at Panera Bread to make car insurance payments

Brandon Anderson

prayer session Head bowed, Sameera Raziuddin, senior, partakes in her daily prayers. "Religion is very important to my family and I," Sameera said. "I was brought up around it and it became a part of me."

Anjelica O'Brien
Brianne O'Connor: Spanish 9-11; Swimming 10; ASL 11-12; Project X 11
Kenneth James O'Drobinak: Speech 9-12 (pres. 12); Theater 9-12 (pres. 11-12); NHS 11-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Mixed Ensemble 11-12
Heather Paarlberg
Katherine Pack





Kenneth Pannell
Dudley J. Paquette: Track 11-12
Kush Patel: DECA 9-12; Academic Team 10
Shivani Patel: Spanish 9-12; Speech and Debate 9-12 (hist. 12); NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); Tennis 9-10,12; Academic Team 9; Project X 9-12; DECA 11-12
Sydney-Paige Patterson: Swimming 9-12; French 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Band 9; NHS 11-12; Speech and Debate 10, 12; IU Honors 11





Max Peck
Ann Elizabeth Perz: Basketball 9; French 9-12; Project X 10-12; *Paragon* 11; SADD 9; NHS 12
Mike Phillips: Theater Technical Staff 9-12
Demitrios Pitsas
Ethan Poppa









Joseph Porras
Amanda Michelle Porter: Dance Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; ASL 11-12; Project X 10; Track 12; Theater 12
Sarah Posey: Basketball 9-12; Spanish 9-12; Project X 9-12; SADD 10-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 12
Leslie Kay Poulos: Spanish 9-11; Art Club 10-11; ASL 12
Stephanie Poulos: Soccer 9-11





Omar Prado
Jordan Pressley
Michael Pudlow: Speech and Debate 9-12; DECA 10,12; We the People 11
Mitch Pugh: Football 9-11
Matthew Pukoszek: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 11-12; French 11-12; National Merit Semifinalist





Kristen Marie Pulley: Orchestra 9-11; Camerata 9-11
Tariq Quadeer
Madison Ashley Quenzler: Soccer 11-12; ASL 11-12
Valen Ramirez
Melissa Ann Rangel: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12; Wind Ensemble 10, 12; NHS 11-12; Auditorium Staff 9-10; ASL 11-12 (pres. 12)





Ambika Rao: Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12
Saraunphorn Rasaminari: Swimming 9; Track 9; French 9-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 9-12; Golf 12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12
Michelle Jane Ratner: Spanish 9-11; SADD 10-11; Project X 10-11; DECA 11-12
Abhinav Ravi: NHS 11-12; Speech and Debate 9-12; Tennis 11-12; DECA 9-12; Academic Team 9, 12
Nicole M. Raynor: Theater 9-12; Cheerleading 9-12; Ensembles 9-12; African Drumming 11; SADD 11





Sameera Raziuddin: Speech and Debate 9-12; DECA 9-12; Track 9; Spanish 9-11; French 11, Art 11-12 (pres. 12); Project X 9-12; SADD 10-11; NHS 11-12
Adam E. Rhoda: Football 10-12; Wrestling 9-12
Roberta Ricchio: Project X 11-12
Jennifer Ridder: Project X 10-12; Spanish 10; SADD 11
Shannon Nicole Riley





Steven Riley
Eric Roach: Band 9-10; Theater 10-12
Sarah Caitlin Roberts: Publications photographer (Head Photographer 12); Basketball 9
Danica Rodriguez: Swimming 10-11; Track 10; French 9-12 (pres. 12); Spanish 9-10; Project X 11-12, publications photographer 12
John Ragowski: Track 11

step on it

Facing the mad rush in the school parking lots, students chose their parking spots location

spot on

267 spaces in the north lot

208 spaces in the south lot

120 spaces in the pool lot

80 spaces in the south lot used by Community Hospital

early birds

students arrive at various times to claim their parking spots for senior year

2:30 a.m.	Danny Gardner
3:30 a.m.	Greg Fehlau
4:34 a.m.	Erick Ferrer
5:30 a.m.	Erin Wysocki
6 a.m.	Matt Shacklett
6:30 a.m.	Ray Lopez
7 a.m.	Phoebe Conner

fender bender

8 number of reported accidents

0 number of injuries in the parking lot

in the driver's seat Getting ready to drive, Danielle Cacich, senior, checks behind the car. "I thought driver's ed was a waste of money," Danielle said. "All it did was let you drive sooner."

Jenna Roller
Sarah Elizabeth Roque: Spanish 9-10; Theater 9-12; Thespians 11-12; Speech and Debate 11-12
Jessica Rosiak: Art 9; Auditorium Staff 9-10
Brianne Nicole Rubesha: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12; Golf 11-12; Cross Country 12; ASL 11-12
Krste Ruiz: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Track 9; Project X 10-11; NHS 11-12; SADD 12; DECA 9-12; Golf 10-11; French 10-11; Spanish 10-11; ASL 10-11





Stephanie Ruiz: Dance Team 9; Theater 11; Swimming 10-12
Jason Rutkowski: French 9-11; Academic Team 11-12
Rachel Rutkowski
Mary Ann Rutledge
Debora Sadun Italian exchange student; publications photographer 12





Diana Saez: Tennis 9, 12; Spanish 12; Soccer 10; SADD 12; Swimming 9
George Samaan
Mary Sandrick: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-11; Jazz Band 10-11; Speech and Debate 11; Theater 10-12
Breck Lynn Scarnavack: DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 11-12; Volleyball 9-10; Speech and Debate 10; Spanish 11; Project X 11
Elizabeth Shuhler





Aaron Schwartz
Tyler Schwartz: Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12; DECA 10-12; Project X 11-12; NHS 11-12; Diving 9; Speech and Debate 9
Nick Sebek: Football 9-10
Stephanie Jean Sepiol: Band 9-12; Ensembles 10-12; Speech and Debate 9-12 (sec. 12); Pep Band 9-12; German 9-12; NHS 11-12; Theater 9-12 (vice pres. 11, pres. 12); Thespians 10-12; Auditorium Staff 10
Dima Sergiyenko: German 9-12; *Crier* 12

Matt Shacklett: Football 9-11; Track 9-12; NHS 11-12
Supriya Shah: Speech and Debate 9-12; Spanish 9-12; SADD 9-12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12
Sam Shaner
Rebecca Erin Shapiro: Volleyball 9; Project X 10; SADD 11
Keith Shaw

Stephen Shih: Tennis 11-12; Spanish 10-11
Matthew Shreve: Tennis 9-11
Lynlee May Shutka: German 10
Rima Siddiqui: Spanish 9-11; NHS 11-12; Project X 9-12; DECA 12; SADD 10-12; Speech and Debate 9-12; Art 9, 11
Stephanie Skertich: Cheerleading 9-10; Diving 9; SADD 9-11; Spanish 9-11; Project X 10-11; Theater 11

Paul Skoglund: Football 9-10; Wrestling 9-11
Molly Marie Sliwa: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); CEC 10-12
Emilee Smith: Volleyball 9
Samantha Smith: Basketball 9; DECA 12
Jon Sobilo: Football 9-10; Spanish 12; Academic Team 9-12 (capt. 11-12); NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12; We the People 12

Patrick Speranza: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12; African Drumming 10-12; Academic Teams 10-12; NHS 11-12
Curtis Spicer
Andrew Spolnik: Football 9; Baseball 9-10; Basketball 9-11; NHS 12; Spanish 9-10
Megan Elizabeth Stacy: Softball 9; SADD 11-12
Holly Stevens: Project X 10-12; German 9-11; French 9-12; SADD 10-12; NHS 11-12

Matthew Stewart: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-11; We the People 11
Elizabeth Caroline Stone: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt 12); IU Honors 11; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 9; CEC 10-12; French 9-12 (treas. 12)
Brett Strohl II: Football 9-12
Jamie Lynn Swing: Softball 9-10; Track 11-12; Project X 9-10; SADD 10-11; ASL 12 (sec. 12); Spanish 9-10
Robert Syler

tell it like it is

advice for underclassmen

"Don't let all the drama get to you. What you think is the end of the world now, you won't even remember later."
Elizabeth Schuhler

"Think about their futures instead of living in the moment."
Dan Nootens

"Don't care what other people think of you. Just live your life. Be a free spirit and always let your personality shine."
Amanda Porter

"Take every opportunity that comes to you and enjoy your four years of high school—it goes fast."
Brandi Swafford

"Work hard early to keep your options open and get involved in as many activities as you can."
Grant Williams

what would you change?

"I would put a lot more work into my freshman and sophomore years because I didn't do much."
Austin Wynn

"I would have gotten into theater. I'm such an actress and I just didn't use my potential."
Megan Stacy

"I would pay attention more. Grades mean the most in school."
Brianne O'Connor

"I would go to more dances and more basketball games. I would get more involved. Before you know it your whole high school is over and you wish that you could have been more a part of it."
Michael Kozlowski

holding high After lunch seniors David Garcia and Joe Torres lift Demetrios Pitsas, senior, in the hall. "Every day they would pick me up a different way," Demetrios said. "We wanted to see how many things we could do without getting in trouble."

Nathaniel J. Szany: Track 9-10
Ben Taylor: Track 9-12 (capt. 12); Academic 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Football 9-11; Student Govt. 10, 12; CEC 11
Shelby Ann Taylor: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 11-12)
Steven Paul Taylor: Pep Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11-12; SADD 12
Jacob Tepperman: Tennis 9-10; Speech and Debate 9-10; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12

Christina Alison Denis Terry: Project X 10-11; German 9-12
Dakota Thompson: DECA 10-12; Spanish 9-12; Academic Team 10-12 (capt. 11-12); Football 9-10; Track 9-10; NHS 11-12; CEC 12
Jerrett Tite: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12 (capt. 9)
Zach Todd
Sean Pruitt Tomazin: Swimming 10-11; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12; NHS 11-12; French 9-11; African Drumming 12; Orchestra 11

Joe Torres: Football 9-12; Baseball 9
Rachael Trevino: Spanish 9-12; DECA 11-12; Project X 11-12; SADD 11-12; Softball 9-10
Molly Tribou
Rachel Claire Trotman: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 11-12; Concert Band 10
Neelam Vachhani: Academic Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 10-12; Girls' Tennis 9-10, 12; Spanish 9-12; Speech and Debate 9-12





Chad Van Deursen
Nicholas Van Wieren: Auditorium Staff 9-12; Thespians 10-12; NHS 12; German 11-12; IU Honors 11
Benjamin Varnum: SADD 9-12 (pres. 12); Project X 9-12 (vice pres. 11-12); Speech 9, 11-12 (treas. 12); Student Govt. 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-12; Basketball 9-10; We the People 12
Katherine Verkruyse: Marching band 10-12; Pep Band 10-12; Jazz Band 12; *Paragon* 11; Ensembles 11-12; Theater 10-12; NHS 11-12
Melissa Vetrano: Spanish 9-10; Art 12; SADD 12





Jadd Villalobos: Football 9; Track 9-10
Matt Vlasich: Swimming 9-10; JETS 11-12; NHS 11-12 (treas. 12); Speech and Debate 11; Tennis 12
Amy Vogel: ASL 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Color Guard 9-11; Project X 11-12; SADD 11-12; Spanish 10-12; African Dance 11-12
Sarah L. Wachala: Soccer 9-10; Project X 9-11; DECA 11-12; Speech and Debate 12; Auditorium Staff 9-10; Spanish 9-11; SADD 10-11; NHS 11-12
Zach Wallar: Swimming 9-12





Rohan Warrior: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); DECA 9-12; Academic Teams 9-12; NHS 11-12
Ryan Watrobka: Golf 10-12
Melissa Webber: Soccer 9-10; German 9-11; ASL 9; Ensembles 11; NHS 12; Speech and Debate 9; Camerata 9-12
Alex Welch
Allison Welch: Soccer 9-11





Andrew White
Emily Whiting: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12)
Eryn Whiting: Volleyball 9-12
Grant Williams: Student Govt. 9-12 (pres. 12); Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12; DECA 10-12; Project X 10-12 (treas. 11-12); NHS 11-12; SADD 10-12 (treas. 11); Spanish 10-12; Academic Team 12; French 10-11; National Merit Finalist; Prom King
James Willis





Jordan Wojtowich
Alexa Joan Wolak: Art 9-10; Theater 9-10; Track 12
Kelly Wold: Cheerleading 9-12; SADD 11; Project X 11
Austin Wynn
Erin Wysocki: Spanish 9; Track 10-11; DECA 11; French 11; ASL 11-12


Andre Yanef: Band 10-12
Olivia Yates: Cheerleading 9-10; Speech and Debate 9-12; Ensembles 9-11; Thespians 9-11; Theater 9-11; African Drumming 11; French 9-10

Bri Krajewski

senior salute

Remember when those pointe shoes seemed so far away? Just like the shoes, the world awaits! Follow your dreams always. We are so proud of you!

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Kyle, Dorie
and Sasha, too

Matt Goodman

senior salute

Matt,
We are all very proud of the fine young man you have become. You have excelled in both your academics and soccer, and we know you will excel in live. Stay just the way you are. Good luck at IU

Love,
Mom, Dad and Erin

Lizzy Stone

senior salute

Our cute little girl has grown into a beautiful and accomplished young lady. You have challenged yourself and have gained so much. Your future is unlimited. Whatever the future brings, you will have our love and support.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Alex and Nick

Gwen Lopez

senior salute

Gwen,
You're a very talented young woman. Use that talent to become someone great! We know you have it in you!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Ian and "B"

out & about

where do you go
on half days?

"If it's a late start, I'll sleep in. If it's a early release, I usually play a lot of basketball with my friends after going out to eat."
Jon Sobilo, senior

"On half days I go either to eat or go to White Oak to play basketball."
Kasim Minhas, junior

"I go home because I can't drive anywhere."
Luke Gonzalez, freshman

"I go out to eat with my friends. We also go to Subway and sometimes we get pizza. Those days we either decide to go out somewhere or we decide to chill at home. If we decide to stay home, we get all our food and play video games for like two hours straight and we get some movies."
Rima Siddiqui, senior

Munster Mustang Bowling Team

BACK ROW: Coach Hansen, Adam Barth, Brandon Sparks, Chris Hlebasko, Alex Chihara, Greg Fehlau
FRONT ROW: Larkin McKenzie, Lynlee Shutka, Heather Hajduk, Ethan Hansen (Capt.), Coach Hajduk

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Ethan Hansen

Heather Hajduk

Lynlee Shutka

Greg Fehlau

Boys Team

2008 3rd Place Conference
Academic All-State, Ethan Hansen, Greg Fehlau
All-State Team, Ethan Hansen
2007 3rd Place Regionals, 2nd Place Conference
2006 1st Place Sectionals
1st Place Conference Singles, MVP, Mike Hlebasko
Academic All-State, All-State Team, Mike Hlebasko and Ryan Slosser
2005 1st Place Sectionals
1st Place Conference Singles, Mike Hlebasko
2004 3rd Place State, 2nd Place Semi-State, 3rd Place Regionals
2nd Place Sectionals, 1st Place Conference

Girls Team

2008 13th in State, Singles, Heather Hajduk
2005 2nd Place Regionals, 3rd Place Sectionals,
3rd Place Semi-State Singles, Jessica Hajduk
2004 3rd Place Regionals, 2nd Place Sectionals,
2003 1st Place State, 3rd Place Regionals, 1st Place Sectionals
8th Place Regional Singles, Jessica Hajduk
1st Place Sectional Singles, Brooke Groesche
4th Place Sectional Singles, Stephanie Bannach
5th Place Sectional Singles, Erica Koselke
7th Place Sectional Singles, Nicole Huffman
7th Place Sectional Singles, Nicole Huffman

FOR INFORMATION ON JOINING THE BOWLING TEAM PLEASE CONTACT COACH HANSEN AT 219-838-3637

Zach Langbehn

senior salute

Congratulations!
You can light up a room.
Now you will light up the world! We are so proud of the man you've become.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Lyndsay

Phillip Baker

senior salute

Best Wishes
on your
Road to Success!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Erin Moss

senior salute

You are our sunshine.
Good luck in college

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jim

Sydney-Paige Camille Patterson

senior salute

Congratulations!
Step Boldly into the future...
Find your North...
Your own direction... Find your Passion... and know that we will always be your biggest fan...

God's blessings,
Dad, Mom, Alaina
and Archie IV

Matthew 6:33

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Matt Stewart

senior salute

"I'm history! No, I'm mythology! Nah, I don't care what I am, I'm free!"

Congratulations,
Mom, Dad and Brett

Taylor Compton

senior salute

You have chosen to be strong, independent, and focused with goals.
We love who you are!
You will be a huge success!
We are so proud! Be happy.

Love,
Dad and Julie

Christina Avgerinos

senior salute

Dear Christina,
Words cannot express how proud we are of you and all you have accomplished. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and you will succeed at everything.
We love you so much!

Love,
Mom and
Stacy

senior salute

Adam Meyer, Corey Bandura, Greg Meyer and Zach Wallar

Good luck Adam, Corey, Greg, and Zach. Remember if your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it!

The Meyers

senior salute

Adam Bobeck

We've watched you grow... and grow! You've come so far and the future holds so much promise for you!

Love,
Mom, Steph, Josh and Jacob

senior salute

Leah Brousalis

It's your time! You have come a long way and it has not been easy.....We are so proud of the person you are, the choices you've made and the many accomplishments you have achieved.
You'll always be our Kounoupi!
Love You!
Mom, Dad and Peter

out & about

what do you do
when you go to Chicago?

"My friends and I usually go to museums or the Shedd Aquarium. Some of the exhibits are really interesting and you could hit all three [museums] in one day because they are so close to each other.
Katrina Minton, senior

"I go to Chicago all the time to shop and to see some musicals and operas. I also like going to eat at restaurants like Lawry's Prime Rib House. Every once in a while I also go to Dave and Busters.
Shelby Hsiao, junior

"I love the Art Institute. I'm not an artistic person so I appreciate other peoples' abilities.
Colleen Boyle, junior

"Millennium Park. We go see the "Bean." That's always fun. We also go to a lot of concerts."
Ben Goldenberg, junior

Elyse Nicole Estes

senior salute

Nikki,
Words cannot express how proud we are of you! As you embark on the next phase of your life, follow your dreams and enjoy the ride.

Love,
Dad, Sofia
and Hailey

Greg Meyer

senior salute

Hey GW!
Time goes by fast, glad you're wearing your hair different.

Best wishes for a bright future.

We are proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Bri

Rizzie Fisher

senior salute

Dear Rizzie,
Your smile is what lights up our day. Stay true to what has made you the beautiful, young woman you've become. Now it's time to follow your dreams. Ball State doesn't know yet how lucky they are to have you.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Dudley Paquette

senior salute

Dudley,
You are entering the next journey in your life. We wish you all the best.
ENJOY

Love,
Mom and Jerry

Katie Verkruyse

senior salute

To our Kate,
Here's to a wonderful, bright future for a wonderful, bright woman!
Go Billikens!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Em

2008-2009 Mustang Hockey Team

1A STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS!

First Row: Goalies: TJ Mancuso and Zach Peifer.
Middle Row: Mitch Lyness, James Hesch, Tommy Merkelis, Zac Adams, Aaron Johnstone, Matt LaRoche.
Back Row: Assistant Coach Bob DeGard, Nik Mileusnic, Chad Van Deursen, Justin Smit, Kyle Wargo, Drew Kerber, Tony Rubino, Josh Yokovich, Head Coach Rick Rubino.

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Senior: Chad Van Deursen

Season Record:
17-14-8

2008 2009

Thank you to all the fans and sponsors for a great year!

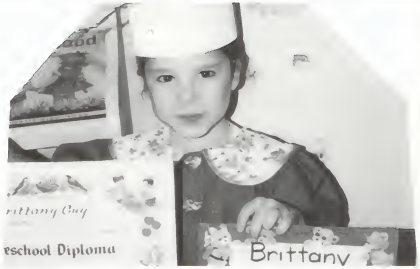
Senior: Justin Smit

senior salute

Brittany Guy

Forever six
Forever six is what I wished you would stay.
However, six turned to seven, and the years ran away.
Forever six you started school, and your journey began.
However, six turned to eighteen–driving, working and then...
Forever six you're now graduating, and this chapter will end.
However, six you'll stay in our hearts as a new journey begins.

Love, Mom, Dad, Holly,
Bobby and Lindsey



senior salute

David Kiesling

Congratulations, David!

We are very proud of you. Here's looking forward to Valpo and a bright future!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Nicholas and
Abigail

senior salute

Kelly Wold

Congratulations, Kel-Bel!! You've grown up way too fast, but have achieved so much! Follow your dreams, and know that we're always here for you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Dana
and Geno

senior salute

Kurt Leeney and Friends

Good luck in your future endeavors, Nick, Terry, Kurt, Alex, Aaron, TJ and Ian.

You go guys!
Class of '09

senior salute

Tony Bissonnette

Tony,

Congratulations, T.B.! You did it! My baby is all grown up and on his way to college. We wish you all the best in school and with your music. Never give up, you will go far.

Love you much, Mom, Dad, Andrew, Adam and Bailey
xoxo

senior salute

Matt Gehrig

From your first toothless smile to the first tooth that you lost, your first wobbly step that you took to the first time you climbed out of your crib, keep climbing, exploring, dreaming and discovering.

Congratulations, Matt, on this milestone in life!

Love you Always and Forever,
Mom, Dad and Steve

senior salute

Elyse Estes

Where did all the years go, Emily?

Love,
Grandma E.

out & about

what is the best
part of Centennial Park?

"The best part of Centennial Park is the band shell and seating area. Many different musicians come and perform and you could listen outside in a beautiful setting."
Alison Bergmann, senior

"The best part about Centennial Park is how serene and gorgeous the landscaping and atmosphere is."
Shelby Hsiao, junior

"The dog park is cute. I always bring my dog there.
Anneliese Hernandez, junior

"[The best part about Centennial Park] is probably the lake because you can fish.
GW Childs, junior

Class of 2009

senior salute

Good Luck
and
Best wishes
for continued
success

Emily and Eryn Whiting

senior salute

Life's long road began 18 years ago and the road to success began 4 years ago and will continue for 4 more years. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jamie and Jeepers

Melissa Rangel

senior salute

Congratulations, Melissa! You have made us very proud. Best wishes at Butler University.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Erica and Stephanie

Amanda Gehring

senior salute

Amanda-
We are so proud of you and the goals you have achieved. We will miss you so much, but wish you the best of everything as you head off to college. Congratulatons and good luck at Butler!

XOXO Mom and Dharma

Munster High School Band

senior salute

Congratulations Class of 2009

Marching Mustangs Wind Ensembles Symphonic Band Jazz Band

Munster Band Backers

Front Row: Rachel Trotman, Stephanie Sepiol, Doug Johnson, Mary Sandrick, Manny Lopez, Andrea Manchak
Second Row: Janelle Boudreau, Andrea Dell' Aquila, Katie Verkuyse, Stephanie Bugyis, Eric Neiner, Melissa Rangel, Alison Bergmann, Allison Newman, Katelin Lewandowski, Andre Yanef
Back Row: James Willis, Sean Tomazin, Dan Linnear, Justin Mulesa, Jordan Milne, Matt Pukoszek, Kim Hajduch, Pat Speranza, Steve Taylor

senior salute

Tanner Ollo

Congratulations and remember it doesn't matter where you start in life, it's where you finish that counts. We are unbelievably proud of you!

Love you always,
Dad, Mom and Carson

senior salute

Michael and Ryan McIntyre

Congratulations! As you enter into a new world of opportunities, always believe in yourselves and strive to be your very best. Life and success is a long journey; live your lives to the fullest and enjoy every moment. We are very proud of you both.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Michelle

senior salute

Molly Sliwa

Molly Dolly,

You're finally on your way to IU! We're very proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jenny, Beth and Katie

senior salute

Amanda Porter

Amanda,
Through the years there have been changes in your life, but one thing that will never change is our love for you. Our wish is that life will be all that you want it to be. There is a dream come true out there with your name on it.
Embrace Life and Dream Big.
Love,
Mom and Tom

senior salute

Matt Noworyta

Congratulations!

Thanks for all your kindness. We wish you have a happy and healthy life. We are so proud of you.
Good luck at Purdue!

Love,
Mom and Dad

senior salute

Allison DeGeorge

Congratulations, Allison! We're very proud of you! Your boundless energy will keep you going through college.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Kate

senior salute

Melissa Vetrano

Congratulations on your high school graduation. We are very proud of you. You have grown to be a beautiful young lady, and you have a kind heart. Set your goals high, and you will succeed in life.
Keep smiling.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Anthony

senior salute

Shawn Michel

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. We wish you the best as you enter college. Continue to set your goals high! We're proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Bryan
and Krystle

senior salute

Amy Vogel

Congratulations! You have come to the end of one road and will now head down another. May this road lead to much happiness, good times, and good health. Keep smiling and remember how much we love you.

Love and best wishes,
Mom, Dad and Robert

senior salute

Brandon Lopez

Dear Brandon,

May you always have "Love" to share,
"Health" to spare and "Friends" that care.
We are so proud of you, not only because of your academic achievements and participation in our church, but because of your kind heart and giving spirit.
Follow the same path you are on, and you will continue to be successful!!

We love you more than words can say,
Mom, Dad, Collin, Aunt Nancy and Grandma and Grandpa Almason

senior salute

Lindsay Hayes

From kindergarten to
"It Feels Like Today."
Keep looking up, moving forward, and reaching for those stars.
Congratulations, Lindsay!
The world is yours...

Love,
Mom, Dad, Amy,
Foo Foo, Mack and Jack

out & about

After a basketball/football game, **where do you go?**

"We go out to eat or to a friend's house. Normally, we'd go to Casa Del Rio."
Taylor Marcus, junior

"Most of the time I just went home because it was too close to curfew to do anything."
Alyson Eickleberry, freshman

"Out to eat... It was a good way to catch up with people and to have a good time and eat because we were hungry."
Emily Scholtz, sophomore

"We would walk around Munster with my friends. Then we would walk to one of our friend's houses to play video games. Then I walk back to my house."
Phillip Arteaga, freshman

Katie Banks

senior salute

Charisma, intellect, style, and a "bassik" load of creativity. We can't wait to see what you do with your talent, our fearless Katie Koo. Here always to cheer you as you fly and to catch you if you fall. We love you!!

Mommy, Moosie, Mookie and Liney

Corey Bandera

senior salute

Dear Corey,
Your accomplishments have never failed to amaze us. As team captain, you understood the role of what it means to swim for Munster and have helped to guard the proud traditions established by the swimmers before you. Your actions have helped set the bar for the Munster swimmers that will now follow you. We have seen your sheer determination and will to win always prevail. Always take this same drive and spirit with you throughout life. All of your hardwork the past four years has paid off with a spot on the Purdue Swim Team. Corey, you're the best son any parents can hope for.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Kaitlin and Taylor

Austin Wynn

senior salute

Congratulations! Good luck at Purdue! We know you'll make us proud!

We love you...
Mom, Dad
and Ellen

Elle Kirby

senior salute

In or out of the water,
you're our favorite Seahorse daughter!

Elle,
Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars. You make us proud.

All our love,
Dad, Mom
and Kori

Carli Bolanowski

senior salute

Congratulations on your accomplishments at MHS. Keep striving for greatness at Ball State. We love you!

Mom, Dad,
Haley and Tommy

Sam Shaner

senior salute

You have filled our lives with joy! We are so proud of you. Always have faith and believe in yourself and you can accomplish anything. Best of luck at Purdue.

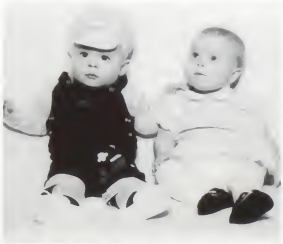
Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Scott

Brandi and Rory Swafford

senior salute

Congratulations
Brandi and Rory!

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Tabby



Tony DiCostanzo

senior salute

Congratulations!

We are all so proud of you. Aim high... the best is yet to come!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Michelle, Chrissy
and Jennifer

Matt Gaskey

senior salute

Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them-a desire, a dream, a vision.
-Muhammad Ali-

Matt,
We are proud of you.
The future is yours.

Love,
Mom and Lauren
P.S. Go Sox

Courtney Hoyle

senior salute

As you answer your life's call, remember,
We will always love you!

Dad and Mom,
Betty and Mike,
Randy and Becky

John D. Crisman

senior salute

Congratulations John!
Graduation is not an end, it is a beginning!
The world awaits you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad,
Danny and Joe

Chrissy Terry

senior salute

From Montessori
and Munster
to Ball State and
beyond:
Rock on, Chrissy!

senior salute

Jessica Rosiac

senior salute

Stephanie Sepiol

Congratulations dearest Stephanie,
How did we get so lucky? You are brilliant, beautiful, and incredibly talented. Most of all, you are extremely kind-hearted. The world was truly blessed the day you were born.

All our love,
Dad and Mom

senior salute

Cassandra Drillias

Dear Cassandra,
You filled our lives with your spirit and beauty, and it was a joy to watch you grow up to be a lovely young woman. You have always been a bright and happy girl. Follow your dreams with passion. With hard work and determination you can dance your way to the stars. Congratulations!

Our Love Always,
Mom, Baba, John,
Evan and AEK

senior salute

Tanya Djuric

Congratulations Tanya!
We are very proud of all your accomplishments and the person you have become. Best wishes at Purdue. Believe in yourself and follow your dreams. "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."

Love,
Mom, Dad, Marko,
Nick and Katie,
Grandma and Baba

senior salute

Evan Mudroncik

You've been ready
for this moment
for years ... enjoy.
Congratulations Evan!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Colin, Emily,
Cookie and Twix

Martin Ortiz

senior salute

Congratulations on graduating from high school. We watched you grow from a baby to a bright young man. You had many obstacles, but in the end, you've always come out ahead. We are all proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike and Arturo

Brianne Rubesha

senior salute

We are so proud of the young lady you are, the choices you have made, and the many accomplishments that you have achieved. Congratulations Brianne!!! Wishing you every success at Ball State and beyond.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brian and Liz

Matthew Shreve

senior salute

From preschool to high school, we've always been proud of you.

All our love
and best wishes,
Mom, Dad and Eric

Mitchell Hanak

senior salute

Our little miracle has gone from twinkle, twinkle little star to academic star to rock star. We're sure there will be many more stars in your future. Shine on. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Kayle Goldsmith

senior salute

Kayle Goldsmith and friends,
Congratulations Kayle!!!
May life's journey bring
you much happiness and
success.

Love,
Mom, Jeff and Regan

Daniel Meyers

senior salute

Dear Bo-Bo,
Life is a succession of
Freshman years ...
May all of yours be
memorably blessed.
Good luck at IU!

Love,
Pops, Mom,
Richard and Chris

Ryan Watrobka

senior salute

Congratulations!
Enjoy your journey and
IU. We wish you much
happiness and success in
all you do. We are all very
proud of you.

We love you,
Dad, Mom
and Taylor

Sarah Roberts

senior salute

Sarah,
I'm so proud of you! For everything
you have been through, you turned
out to be the person I always wanted
you to be.
Love always,
Mom, PJ and Wylie

Stephanie Poulos

senior salute

Steph,
Where has the time gone?
We are so proud of the wonderful, beautiful person you have become! Congrats!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Anthony,
Cali and Boo!

Seth Flahaven

senior salute

You are such a gift in our lives. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and filled with hope for your future. God bless you.
Love,
Mom and Dad,
Jared, Ethan and
Micah

Allison Welch

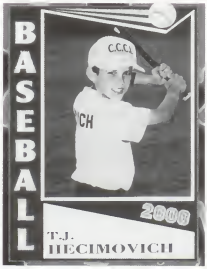
senior salute

Congratulations Allison!
IU here you come!
Wishing you all the best, and we know you will do great things. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Megan

TJ Hecimovich

senior salute

TJ--
We are so very proud of the man you have become. You are such an important part of our lives and we wish you much success in college. Just remember that you can achieve anything you set out to do. Keep Smiling!!!
All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Mike, Cindy,
Ana, Grandma, Papa
and Grandma Heci



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More than meets the eye

names and supplies to get through the year

A
agenda

B
backpack

C
calculator

D
desk

E
eraser

F
food

G
googles

H
highlighter

I

J

K

L

M

N

O

P

pencils

Q

quarters

R

rubber bands

S
scissors

T
tape

V
vehicle

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Colophon

With two staff members from different years coming back to help lead yet another *Paragon*, the staff got off to a slower start than expected. As the year wore on, the staff roster started to decrease, creating problems when assigning spreads. With more than half the book yet to be finished in April, the staff scrambled to complete their deadlines. At 9 p.m. on most school nights, passerbys could see the lights still burning in the Pub, N155.

While stress stayed high, the staff found ways to lighten the mood. Christina hid behind trash cans in the darkened hallways to scare other staff members and frequently broke out into energizing songs such as the "Wiggalo," while Katie brought cookies and brownies from her job at Panera for the staff to munch on. As Bri checked online for fat grams during dinner time, Aaron ordered his usual Number 1 from the Wendy's menu. While all this was going on, Nicole tried to balance her staff assignments, Dance Team captain responsibilities and AP classes.

In the end, five student editors and Mrs. Hastings completed the "PO**WER**" book with a resounding sigh of relief in mid-June.

Special thanks goes to Herff Jones Representative, Lisa Keene, for key chains, cookies, cupcakes and words of constant encouragement.

Paragon Volume 44 "PO**WER**" was printed by Herff Jones, 2525 Midpoint Dr., Edwardsville, KS 66111 with the aid of in-plant Customer Service Advisor Lisa Merino. With a press run of 1,050, the 208-page book featured 100 lb. Bordeaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost $45, while late May orders rose to $60.

The book features a staff created four-color litho cover with gloss lamination. Inspiration for the theme, "PO**WER**," grew out of the September flood and the feeling of unity that spread through the school, while a magazine advertisement for MetLife inspired its look.

The yearbook featured headlines using Myriad Pro, while copy used Palatino. Original designs were inspired by magazine spreads compiled for a creativity book project.

All pages were submitted on CD, using Adobe InDesign CS2 and Adobe Photoshop. Our staff photographers shot, processed and printed approximately 10 percent of the photos with black and white Ilford HP5. A large percentage of the photos were shot with Nikon D70s and digital cameras. Halterman/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclassman and senior portraits, as well as club group shots formal dances and some play production candids. Thanks to Mr. David Russell who supplied the sports team group shots.

The 2008 *Paragon* "and you call this fun?" earned a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker Finalist, Indiana High School Press Association Hoosier Star, and second in Best of Show at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention in St. Louis.

In good times
and in bad, 1,661
students find a way to

come together

As the last six weeks began April 20, the light at the end of the tunnel appeared as school started to wind down. However, with four school days added to the calendar due to the state's refusal to waive days missed during the September flood, students fidgeted in their seats waiting for June 10 to finally roll around. Despite the drawn out six weeks that grew to eight, students found ways to enjoy the last few weeks of school.

Students flew kites in geometry as part of their study on shapes, while foreign language classes painted faces and sported their country's colors to compete in the World Cup Soccer Tournament. May's Career Day exposed students to career options, while freshmen experienced what it meant to save money and mortgage a house as part of the April Reality Store simulation in the field house.

With a graduating class of 403 seniors, students earned over $8 million in scholarship money, as Tess Edvardsen took the podium as the last school valedictorian.

During the annual Student Government Blood Drive, students over 17 donated over 112 units of blood, while final orders on flood t-shirts allowed Student Government to raise over $2,500 for flood relief.

As girls' tennis competed at State and finished third, Mary Hill, senior, emerged as the Individual State Champ to become the winningest girls singles player in Indiana High School Athletic Association history and Mental Attitude winner with a 104-1 record. Sharing the spotlight, boys' track qualified five runners to State, while girls' track qualified 8 runners.

power

full throttle
Cheering and laughing, superfans race to the court after the boys' basketball team won the Sectionals Championship game at East Chicago. "They've made history because of what they accomplished," Marcin Kuzma, senior, said.

push through

Flag raised Chrissy Terry, senior, cheers her team on during the foreign Language classes' World Cup Soccer Tournament. **With a warm embrace,** Coach Mike Hackett celebrates with his son Drew after boys' basketball won the Sectionals Championship. **In AP Biology,** Tyler Schwartz, senior, participates in an amino acid lab. **Biting her lip** Kylie Morris, senior, turns away as a nurse collects blood for the annual April blood drive.

Not to be out done, club members found that team spirit motivated them as well, as 96 DECA members took home the State Sweepstakes trophy. Their efforts qualified 46 students to Internationals in Anaheim, CA. Speech and Debate also moved beyond state competition as 12 members qualified for the June Nationals in Birmingham, AL.

Across the board as well as the calendar, students overcame na-tural disasters, opponents and heavy course loads to find the POWER to succeed.

flying high

With airborne hopes Kelsey Dal Polo, sophomore, races with her kite as part of a geometry unit in Mr. Steve Wroblewski's math class. When the weather finally turned warm, students took every opportunity to experience the welcomed break.

moving forward

Making small talk, foreign exchange student Debora Sadun, senior, and Jenny Rooth, junior, participate in the Walk For Israel fund raiser. **Racket in hand** *Times* Female Athlete of the Year and No. 1 singles player Mary Hill, senior, warms up during practice. **Gloves on** Brianna Rubesha, senior, along with girls' track members, tie dye t-shirts for Sectionals.